



# Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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Fall-Winter 2017

## Farmington Town News:

**Summer road work:** We seal coated fourteen roads, crack filled fifteen and repaired two from storm damage. Thinking of our various rain/wind storms, we had Town employees, Simpson Tree Service and the Waupaca Cty Hwy Dept out working diligently to attend to down trees and brush clean-up. We thank residents for their patience and understanding during these storms.

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The Town Board went on their fall **road tour** in October to become aware of road maintenance and tree/brush over hangings that would need immediate attention or work in 2018. A reminder that **fire numbers** are required, not optional. Numbers **must be visible** at eyelevel for the ambulance and fire department. If a post has been loosened or damaged, please contact the Town Hall at 715-258-2779. Residents are a responsible for checking their numbers to see if branches or weeds need to be removed to make the number visible from the road. **Thank you!**

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- ✓ **Town Board meetings** are held every **third Monday @ 7:00pm** at the Town Hall located at the corner of State Road 54 and County Road Q.
- ✓ **Public Hearing** on the 2018 Budget will be held at Farmington Town Hall on **November 20, 2016 @ 7:00pm** followed by the special meeting of electors and monthly Board meeting.
- ✓ **Taxes** will be mailed out **mid December. PAID at WAUPACA COUNTY COURTHOUSE TREASURER. PO Box 663.**
- ✓ **Dog licenses** also due January 1, 2018. Please bring along proof of rabies vaccination (M/F - \$10 N/S - \$5) **PAID AT TOWN HALL**

The Town currently oversees three cemeteries: **Barton, Salem and Sheridan**. Sites are available for purchase at \$300.00 which includes Perpetual Care. Anyone interested can contact the Cemetery Secretary, Julie Leaf at the Town Hall (715-258-2779).

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**New Website** is up and running! Same address of **[www.farmington-waupaca.com](http://www.farmington-waupaca.com)**. The Town Board felt it was important that our residents are being kept informed and added new Town Board contact e-mails, Ordinances, Resolutions and prior Newsletter editions.. Hopefully we have reached this objective.

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## Snowmobile Time!

Scandinavia Vikings Snowmobile Club (Tom Hanson 715-281-0667 ) and the County Line Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club (Craig Nelson 715-281-9051 ) were approved to run trails in the Town road right-of-ways. **Please** be vigilant and courteous while car driving at night for the snowmobilers. **Safe** driving for everyone is our concern. Waupaca County is divided into eight zones. To find out which are open or closed, please call **Waupaca County Parks & Recreation Dept. at 715-258-6243 OR visit [www.waupacacountyparks.com/Snowinfo.aspx](http://www.waupacacountyparks.com/Snowinfo.aspx).**



**Understanding VA Death Benefits**

**VA DEATH BENEFITS**

Like most things in life, dealing with the death of a loved one is best handled by the prepared. It's a topic no one wants to talk about, but everyone will have to work through at some point. Being prepared and arming your loved ones with your final wishes, rather than leaving them to sort it out in the wake of your passing, is the responsible handoff of a life well lived. In order to receive benefits applicants must meet eligibility requirements, provide necessary evidence, and make application. Benefits include Burial Flags, Burial Reimbursement (partial), Survivor Pension, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Presidential Memorial Certificate, Grave Marker, Accrued Benefits, Funeral Honors (State / VSO), War Period Flag Holder (CVSO), and other survivor benefits. Since every situation is unique, our office can assist in linking you with the appropriate benefits.

*Note: To determine your eligibility, check eBenefits, contact VA Eligibility Center at 1-888-768-2132, or contact our office at 715-258-6475.*

**WHOS ELLIGIBLE? – Here are two common benefits, other benefits are available**

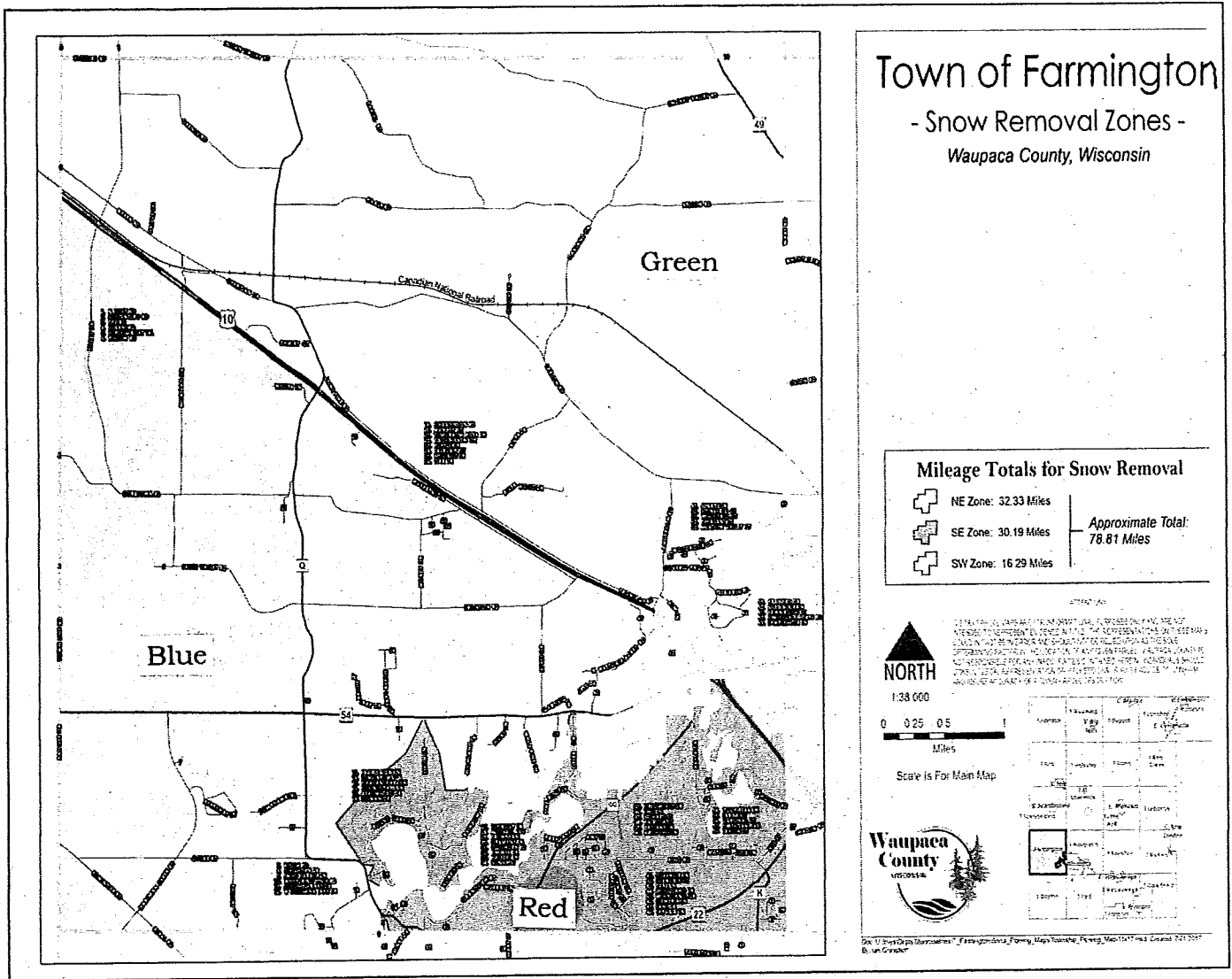
Burial Benefits	Survivor Pension
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•You paid for a Veteran's burial or funeral, AND</li> <li>•You have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased Veteran's employer, AND</li> <li>•The Veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, AND</li> <li>•The Veteran died because of a service-related disability, OR</li> <li>•The Veteran was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death, OR</li> <li>•The Veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation, but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay, OR</li> <li>•The Veteran died while hospitalized by VA, or while receiving care under VA contract at a non-VA facility, OR</li> <li>•The Veteran died while traveling under proper authorization and at VA expense to or from a specified place for the purpose of examination, treatment, or care, OR</li> <li>•The Veteran had an original or reopened claim pending at the time of death and has been found entitled to compensation or pension from a date prior to the date of death, OR</li> <li>•The Veteran died on or after October 9, 1996, while a patient at a VA-approved state nursing home.</li> </ul>	<p>The deceased Veteran must have met the following service requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•For service on or before September 7, 1980, the Veteran must have served at least 90 days of active military service, with at least one day during a war time period.</li> <li>•If he or she entered active duty after September 7, 1980, generally he or she must have served at least 24 months or the full period for which called or ordered to active duty with at least one day during a war time period.</li> <li>•Was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions.</li> </ul> <p>Survivors Pension is also based on your yearly family income, which must be less than the amount set by Congress to qualify. While an un-remarried spouse is eligible at any age, a child of a deceased wartime Veteran must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Under 18, OR</li> <li>•Under age 23 if attending a VA-approved school, OR</li> <li>•Permanently incapable of self-support due to a disability before age 18</li> </ul> <p><b>Your yearly family income must be less than the amount set by Congress to qualify for the Survivors Pension benefit. Learn more about income and net worth limitation, and see an example of how VA calculates the Survivors Pension benefit.</b></p>

*Understanding these and other VA Benefits can seem daunting, but the Waupaca County Veterans Service Office can help. If you could use a little help navigating the VA Benefit system please schedule an appointment today!*

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 Waupaca County Veterans Service Officer  
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 Waupaca, WI 54981  
 715-258-6475  
 www.facebook.com/WaupacaVeteransOffice  
 Hours: Monday – Friday 8a-2p

**Source / for more information:**

- <http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-special-burial.asp>
- [http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/factsheets/fs\\_survivor\\_benefits.pdf](http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/factsheets/fs_survivor_benefits.pdf)
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**Winter snow removal:**

Since the start of the 2009 winter season, the Town of Farmington was divided up into three sections (green, blue, red). Keep in mind that we have 78 miles of roads that need our attention. Map (is available for viewing at the Town Hall.) Map is included in this newsletter. It is logical that plows start from the east and go west. There are exceptions. Because of schools and steep hills, plows try to attend to them first.

Green area include all roads north of State Hwy 10 which are Covered Bridge and Woodridge subdivision, Anderson, Frontage, River, Riverwood, Larson, Brainerd, Oakland, Nelson, Smokey Valley, Ware, Haase, Bartel, Indian Valley, Grenlie, Floistad, Foley, Grove, Rieben, Sheridan, Shirley, Lone Pine.

Blue area include roads south of State Hwy 10 which are Westgate Acres, Sunrise, Shamrock, Jess, Garfield, Butts, Crestwood, White Pine, Hicks, Highland, Tomorrow's , Silver Lake and W, Deerview, Erickson, Birch Haven, Popple, Hillcrest, Oak, Morey, Riverbend, Manney, Weller, Tomorrow River, Morgan, Foley, Cobbtown, Frost Valley, Forest Valley, Hartman Creek, Rusch, Tomahawk, Arrowhead, Golke, Edminster, Knight, Whispering Pines, Ottman, Cleghorn.

Red area include roads primarily around King which are Brittany, Janl, Cambria, Western, Hill, Holmes, Cardinal, Julie, Taylor, Pryse, Teddy Bear, Sabine, Nancy, Maple, Glenvale, King, Duvenick, Melody and Woodland subdivision, Birch Tree, Patricia, Richard, Lind, Amy, Otter, Pine Ridge, Park Lane, Murray, Grandview, Halbert, W Miner, Carmany, County Park, Pleasant Park, Round Lake, Locksley, Browne, Rainbow, Norris and Smith.

The Town contract continues with Faulks Bros. Contact either Town Cell (715-513-0013)(24/7) or Caroline Murphy (714-498-9820) with any concerns. **REMINDER:** Please do not snow blow or shovel snow into the roads. Once it becomes ice and solid, it makes it harder for the plows to clear. **THANK YOU!**

**Getting to Know Your Carbon Monoxide Detector ...by Eric Halverson, Deputy Director Waupaca County Emergency Management.**

Carbon monoxide, or the "silent killer" as it is sometimes called, is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced by burning fuel. Some of the sources of CO in your home are furnaces, gas stoves, gas water heater, gas dryers and fire places. Motor vehicles, lawn equipment, generators and even grills produce carbon monoxide. CO poisoning kills between 200-300 people in their homes yearly, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), which is why it recommends that all homes be equipped with a carbon monoxide detector.

Carbon monoxide detectors should be placed on every level of your home, approximately 5 feet from the floor. One should also be placed near the sleeping areas. If you have an attached garage, place one near the door. To reduce the numbers of false alarms, do not place CO detector too close to a fuel burning appliance, in a humid area such as a bathroom or in direct sunlight.

There are several different types of detectors available. The two major categories are alarms and monitors. Both will alert you when carbon monoxide exceeds a level set by the manufacturer. One advantage to a carbon monoxide "monitor" is that they have a display that will show you low levels of carbon monoxide that may be present just below the alarm point. This is especially important if there are young children or older persons in the home. Models may be electric, battery powered or both. If they have batteries, they should be replaced annually, along with smoke detector batteries.

The most important thing to remember is that carbon monoxide detectors **do not last forever**. Most manufacturers recommend replacing the detector after 5 to 7 years. Write the replacement date on the detector so you know when it should be replaced. If the detector is exposed to high levels of carbon monoxide, it should be replaced immediately.

What should you do if the carbon monoxides detector alarms? If someone is feeling ill, go outside immediately and call 911. Stay outside until help arrives. If no one has signs or symptoms, open doors and windows to ventilate the house. Turn off fuel fired appliances and reset the detector. If the detector alarms again, it may be a low battery or a defective detector. If the alarm continues after replacement, you should have a qualified service technician check your appliances.

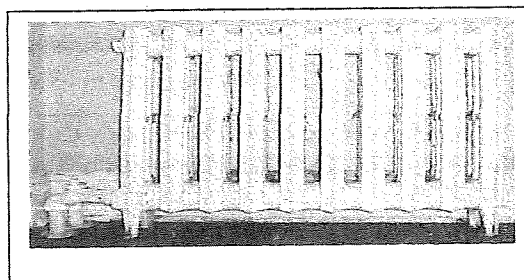
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**Energy Services for Waupaca County.....Timothy Bruer, director**

Energy Services for Waupaca County administers a number of low income energy services/assistance programs on behalf of the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, County Department of Health and Human Services and Class A utilities. Last year alone they provided over 84,000 low income households with over \$40 million dollars with one time energy/emergency assistance grants to offset the growing gap between meager incomes and rising energy costs.

Because of working families struggling to meet their basic survival needs, support programs such as Badger Care and Food Share were created to have a major impact on meeting health and nutritional concerns. The federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) was also established to help offset the growing energy burden, keeping the heat and power on for households who still have to choose between "heating and eating."

Should anyone have any immediate questions or in need of further information, contact Energy Services, Inc. at 1-800-506-5596 or 715-258-6820.



**99.1FM-WAUP-LP.....from Mark Gerlach**

Most people living in Farmington probably don't know it but the town is home to a new radio station. **WAUP 99.1FM** signed on the air July 8, 2015 as a federally licensed utility. The station is a low-power FM. It's a non-profit, non-commercial broadcast facility operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

WAUP offers a wide variety of music and our listeners have let us know that they love this type of format. Instead of the tight 500 song playlist of commercial broadcasters, WAUP has a lot to offer musically. It's an eclectic mix of Rock, Folk, Blues, Classic Hits, Americana and everything in between. There are specialty shows on the weekend. We also feature Big Band music on Sunday mornings from 6 to 10.

We also keep you updated on the weather and local information. If you have a public service announcement that you would like us to broadcast, drop us an email at [tomorrowradio@live.com](mailto:tomorrowradio@live.com). You can also leave feedback and comments by calling 920-482-7991. For more information about the station and our mission please check out our website at <http://www.waupfm.org> and be sure to like us on Facebook, facebook.com/waupfm.

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**Election Inspector / Poll Worker..... from Julie Leaf, Town Clerk/Treasurer**

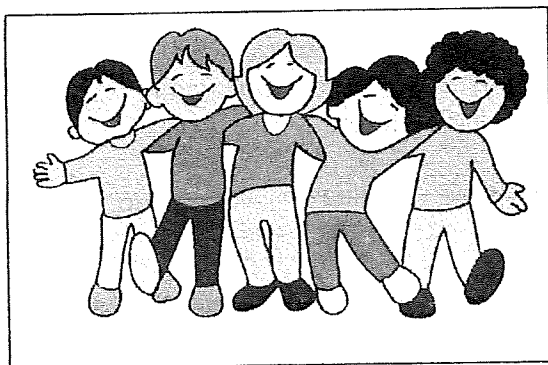
The Town of Farmington is always watching for residents who are interested in working at the polls during elections. On election day, Election Inspectors (poll workers) register new voters, answer questions, hand out and explain ballots, and work with ballot counting equipment. On particularly large elections, Election Inspectors may be asked if they can come to the Town Hall to assist in the clerk's office during absentee voting.

Farmington also has Special Voting Deputies go to Wisconsin Veterans Home in King to an election to collect absentee votes from residents of WVH.

The polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Shift hours are normally 6:30am to 1:30pm AND 1:30pm to closing at 8:00pm + a little clean-up. If there are individual scheduling issues, those can often be accommodated.

There will be four elections in 2018: Spring Primary, February 20<sup>th</sup>, Spring Election April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fall Partisan Primary August 14<sup>th</sup> and Fall General Election November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Training is required to be qualified for this position. Election Inspectors are paid \$12.00/hour on days they are scheduled to work. If interested, contact the Town Hall by either calling 715-258-2779 or sending an e-mail to [clerk-treasurer@farmington-waupaca.com](mailto:clerk-treasurer@farmington-waupaca.com).



## **Waupaca County Recycling & Solid Waste Disposal Information**

*Provided by Debbie Krogwold, Recycling Coordinator*

**Compost Bins Still Available!** It is not too late to set up a compost bin for your lawn and garden cleanup! Fill the bin and be ready for the Spring thaw to start the cooking process! You will love the result! Pick up your bin at either the Waupaca County Courthouse Solid Waste Department or the PTF. Bin capacity is 13 cu.ft. and comes with a locking lid, dual access doors and a 'How To' handbook. Cost is \$55 including tax.

**Winter Hours for the Waupaca County Processing & Transfer Facility (PTF).** For the months of December, January and February, the PTF, located at E4981 Swan Rd. Manawa, will be open regular hours Monday through Friday, 7 am – 3 pm, but only open the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of those months from 7 am - noon. The PTF will be open every Saturday 7 am – noon again March through November.

**Recycle More & Pay Less for Garbage!** If you haven't done so already, check out the popular Waupaca Regional Recycling Center's *Pay-as-You-Throw* garbage disposal program. The less garbage you have (by recycling your paper, cans, plastic and glass bottles), the less you pay to get rid of that garbage! Great for the environment and great for your pocketbook! Stop in during hours of operation (Mon 12-6, Fri 7-4, Sat 7-5) or visit [www.waupacacountyrecycling.com](http://www.waupacacountyrecycling.com) for the program flyer. The Center is located just off of Hwy 10 on HWY K next to the Waupaca Cemetery.

**TVs, Computers, VCRs, DVRs, DVD Players, Printers, Scanners, etc.** are required by State Law to be recycled and are accepted at the Waupaca County PTF year-round. Cost: \$0.25 per pound for residential electronics; \$0.30 per pound for business electronics.

**Disposal of Old Furniture, Carpet, Drywall and other Large Bulky Items.** Accepted at the Waupaca County PTF. Minimum charge of \$15 (400 lbs.) or \$72 per ton. All loads must be covered and secured. Payment by cash or check only. Brochure available online, [www.waupacacountyrecycling.com](http://www.waupacacountyrecycling.com).

**Disposal of Unwanted Medications.** Medication drop-boxes for the disposal of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, including pet medications, are available year-round at the Clintonville, Manawa, Marion, New London, and Weyauwega Police Departments, and the Waupaca County Sheriff Department. Empty pills into a plastic sealable bag. Keep liquids, creams, powders in original containers. Remember to recycle the empty plastic pill bottles and paper boxes.

**Disposal of Sharps, Needles and Lancets.** Riverside Medical Center accepts used sharps and provides collection containers at no cost. Call 715-258-1000 for additional information.

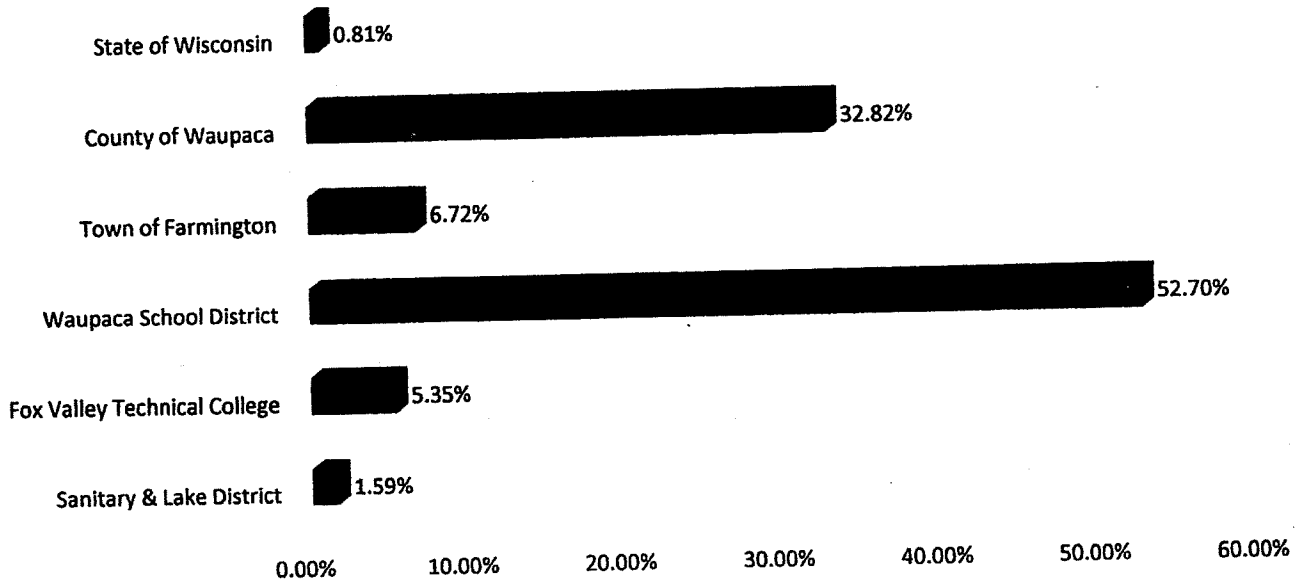
**Green Tips for the Holiday Season!** Reduce waste and save money with these gift-wrap alternatives:

- Scarves, bandanas, fabric scraps (especially for the quilters on the list)
- Old posters, maps, sheet music, or Sunday comic pages
- A present in a present (a hat in a matching scarf; cookies in a reusable tin or jar; kitchen gifts in towels; barbecue utensils in a tablecloth)

For additional recycling and solid waste information, visit [www.waupacacountyrecycling.com](http://www.waupacacountyrecycling.com) or call the Solid Waste Department at 715-258-6240 or the PTF at 715-258-6249. And as always . . .

**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!**

## Where Does Your Tax Money Go?



### From 2017 Statement of Taxes:

State of Wisconsin	\$78,936.	.82%
County of Waupaca	\$3,181,381.	32.82%
Town of Farmington	\$651,317.	6.72%
Waupaca School District	\$5,108,002.	52.7%
Fox Valley Technical College	\$518,605.	5.35%
Sanitary & Lake District	\$154,229.	1.59%
<b>Total Levy</b>	<b>\$9,692,470.</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 2017 Expenditures thru 3rd quarter:

Waupaca Fire District	\$93,809.
Gold Cross Ambulance	\$42,000.
Waupaca Park & Rec	\$61,578
Waupaca County PTF	\$ 3,859
Sanitary Landfill	\$14,085
Snowplowing (2016-2017)	\$110,164
Road Projects	\$219,742
Hwy Maintenance	\$46,660
Other Hwy Maintenance	\$29,516
Elections	\$5,208