



Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

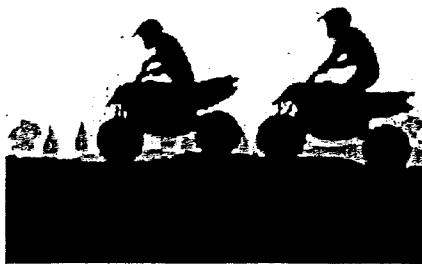
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Fall-Winter 2018

Farmington Town News:

ATV/UTV Travel..... The Town Board approved Ordinance 7-16-18A(2018) at their July 16th board meeting opening all roads in the township for ATV/UTV travel. The board also adopted the Waupaca Cty amendment to chpt 7 Traffic Code 7.14 and Wisconsin Statutes 22.33. Enforcement can be done by any law officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin. The Town of Farmington reserves the right to close or modify routes at any time. **Routes** are defined as a highway (road) or bridge sidewalk designated for use by ATV/UTV operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction (Town of Farmington). They are on the **roadway** portion of a road. **These are NOT trails** marked on public or private property (off-road) Wis Stats 893.80(40) creates immunity from liability for legislative decisions of local governments. Therefore, the town is not liable for any accidents just because it chose to open its roads to ATVs/UTVs. Also **GOLF CARTS** are **NOT** allowed, only licensed ATVs/UTVs.



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Summer road work: We seal coated six roads, crack filled nineteen, repaired one for safety issues.

Fall road tour: Covering all town roads, looking especially for tree/brush over hangings that would need immediate attention. The board also began a list of potential roads for 2019 road work. We will tour again in the spring to analyze how they held up over the winter months.

Reminder: Fire numbers are **required**, not optional. Numbers must be visible at eyelevel for the ambulance and fire department. Residents should check their fire numbers and trim back any overgrown branches, plants and weeds. If a post has been loosened or damaged, please contact Town Hall at 715-258-2779

Thank you.

- ✓ **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 2019 Budget will be held at Farmington Town Hall on **November 19, 2016 @ 7:00pm** followed by the special meeting of electors and monthly Board meeting.
- ✓ **Taxes** will be mailed out mid December. **PAID to WAUPACA COUNTY COURTHOUSE TREASURER.** 811 Harding St.
- ✓ **Dog licenses** also due January 1, 2019. 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 \$400.00 which includes Perpetual Care. Anyone interested can contact the Cemetery Secretary, Danielle Taggart at the Town Hall (715-258-2779).

Snowmobile Time? Scandinavia Vikings Snowmobile Club (Tim Dwyer 920-858-8583 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**.

The Chain O'Lakes becomes busy during the winter with ice fishermen, walkers and cross country skiers. Snowmobilers and other vehicular drivers, **PLEASE** observe safety conditions and keep your distance.

*******Winter Snow Removal** continues with Faulks Bros. Keep in mind our 3 zone plowing areas. Contact either **Town Cell at 715-513-0013 OR Caroline Murphy at 715-498-9820** with any concerns. **Reminder:** Please do not snow blow or shovel snow onto the roads. Once it becomes ice and solid, it makes it harder for the plows to clear. **Thank you**

Town Electronic drop-off was held April 21st at the town garage. It was a **HUGE** success! We had **63** residents participate, bringing in 61 lbs copper wire, 369 lbs computer towers, 68 lbs laptops, 4620 lbs tvs & monitors, 284 lbs LCD monitors, 697 lbs printers/copiers and 131 lbs misc consumer electronics. It was **FREE**. However, it did cost the township approx. \$2216.00 which we considered well worth it. We hope to have another electronic drop-off on **Monday, April 22 from 8:00am to 12 noon at town garage**.

Seasonal Weight Limits.....At the September 17, 2018 town board meeting, the board approved seasonal weight limits to be placed on their Class B roads at the same time that the Waupaca County Highway Commissioner establishes theirs. Seasonal weight limits are necessary to protect roads because during the thaw period, road beds are weak due to excess moisture. A weaker road bed means the pavement is more easily damaged. Limits pertain to vehicles that are six tons per single axle and ten tons per tandem axle.

Permits, \$25.00 for single day use and \$35.00 for multiple day use will be provide by the town clerk upon request and fee payment at the town hall. There are exceptions whereby permits are NOT required: 1) implements of husbandry (farmers) 2) any business that has an entrance on town roads 3) a public utility, telecommunications provider, or a cooperative association providing heat, light, power or water if responding to a service interruption and 4) a skidder, forwarder, harvester or whelled feller buncher if it is operated for logging purposes during the day AND operated unladen for less than a half mile.

The Simple Little Sign at the End of the Driveway.....Eric Halverson, Waupaca Cty Emergency Management

There is a little sign at the end of, your driveway that has a letter & 4-5 numbers and some words printed on it. What all does this little sign do? It's much more than just your address. It is used by many different public & private enterprises to deliver services and goods in a timely & efficient manner. The primary purpose is to provide public safety/emergency responder with the information required to locate your location.

It is reflective and 2-sided so that it is visible day or night from either direction as it must be placed within 10 ft. of the road & perpendicular to the road. The name of the Town is at the top which helps to quickly identify which public services are responsible for this address. The road name is listed because there are road names duplicated throughout the county which can make it somewhat difficult when trying to locate an address in an emergency. The "E" or "N" signifies a east/west or north/south road. The numbers increase by 1 approximately every 13.2 ft (100 every 1/4 mile)). This system of numbering creates a grid across the county. To help improver this sign: 1) m make sure that weeds, branches and other objects do not obstruct the sign from either direction, 2) be sure it is perpendicular to the road and 3) clear snow away as needed in the winter. This simple little sign may save someone's life in an emergency, take care of it.

Understanding the VA Home Loan Guaranty

WHAT IS A VA GUARANTEED HOME LOAN?

The VA Home Loan Guaranty program is a benefit for eligible Veterans looking to purchase a home as a primary residence. This includes existing homes, pre-construction homes, and the refinance of an existing home loan. You will need a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) which can be obtained via eBenefits, or through your lending institution. The VA home loan is not a one-time benefit. Once a VA home loan is satisfied, you can use the benefit again.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES TO A VA GUARANTEED HOME LOAN?

- Equal opportunity for all qualified Veterans to obtain a VA loan
- Reusable
- No down payment (unless required by the lender or the purchase price is more than the reasonable value of the property)
- No mortgage insurance
- One time VA funding fee that can be included in the loan
- Veterans receiving VA disability compensation are exempt from the VA funding fee
- VA limits certain closing costs a Veteran can pay
- Can be assumed by qualified persons
- Minimum property requirements to ensure the property is safe, sanitary, and sound
- VA staff dedicated to assisting Veterans who become delinquent on their loan

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Generally, the following people are eligible:

- Veterans who meet length of service requirements
- Servicemembers on active duty who have served a minimum period
- Certain Reservists and National Guard members
- Certain surviving spouses of deceased Veterans

Note: There are other groups of individuals who may be eligible. To determine your eligibility, check eBenefits, contact VA Eligibility Center at 1-888-768-2132, or contact our office at 715-258-6475.

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!

Jesse P. Cuff
Waupaca County Veterans Service Officer
Courthouse, 811 Harding Street
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-6475 -
www.facebook.com/WaupacaVeteransOffice
Hours: Monday – Friday 8a-4p

For more information:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/index.asp>

<http://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/survivors/Survivorspension.pdf>

PSolid Waste & Recycling Program Updates - 2018

Provided by Taylor Leach, Recycling Coordinator

www.waupacacountyrecycling.com

715-258-6240



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- **Compost Bins Still Available!** With fall comes yard clean up- raking up all of those leaves and cleaning up the garden. If you are looking for a way to dispose of this waste look no further. You can purchase a 13 cu.ft. bin for only \$55 from the Waupaca County Courthouse or the Processing and Transfer Facility (PTF) The bin comes with a locking lid, dual access doors, and a 'How To' handbook.
- **PTF Winter Hours.** During the months of December, January, and February the Waupaca County PTF hours will be Monday-Friday 7am-3pm and every 3rd Saturday from 7am -12pm. Starting in March the PTF will go back to being open every Saturday from 7am-12pm.
- **Recycle More & Pay Less for Garbage!** 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 7-3) or visit www.waupacacountyrecycling.com for the program flyer. The Center is located just off of Hwy 10 on Lakeside Parkway 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. Cost: \$0.25 per pound for residential electronics; \$0.30 per pound for business electronics.
- **What Do I Do With...?** Head to www.waupacacountyrecycling.com and click on the "What Do I Do With" tab to find answers on how to properly dispose of items that are commonly asked about. If you don't see something that you are looking for you can always give us a call at 715-258-6240.
- **Green Tips for the Holiday Season!**
 - If you plan on having a Christmas tree, real trees are a better alternative to artificial. Purchase from a local lot and recycle them responsibly. Most curbside services will offer tree pick up following Christmas- check with your local hauler. In addition trees can be brought to the Waupaca Recycling Center free of charge. *They will not accept wreaths.
 - For holiday décor, try making your own. You can string popcorn, used dried fruit, dried pine cones, and more.
 - Gift tags can be made out of last year's holiday cards.
 - Use gift wrap alternatives such as old posters, maps, sheet music, newspaper, or give a present inside of a present (reusable shopping bag, scarf, blanket, basket, etc.).

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!

Hartman Creek State Park.....by Jarrod Kehring, DNR Park Superintendent

Fall is upon us, which means camping is still in full swing. Fall camping can be some of the best opportunities to see fall color, camp big free, and enjoy cool nights around the campfire. Hartman Creek State Park will have camping open until December 1st.

Fall can also be a wonderful time to ride the 7 miles of equestrian trails or bike the 10 miles of single track trails that wind through the park. The horse trails will close on November 15th, while the single-track bike trails will convert to fat tire biking once the snow accumulates.

With the closure of the equestrian trails, hunting opens in the park on November 15th and stays open until December 15th. The late season bow/crossbow remains open until January 6th. Approximately half the park is open to hunting, with the most popular season being the 9-day gun deer season.

Once winter hits, the park is busy grooming the cross-country ski trails, while our volunteers groom the fat tire bike trails. The park also offers great snowshoeing throughout the winter on many of our ungroomed trails. Ice fishing also remains popular with the park's plentiful population of panfish, bass and northern pike. For additional information please contact the park office at (715)258-2372.

WI RESIDENT CAMPING RATES									
Spring/Fall May 1 st through Thursday before Memorial Day and Labor Day through October 31 st				Summer Friday before Memorial Day through Sunday before Labor Day				Winter Nov. 1 st through April 30 th	
Weekday		Weekend		Weekday		Weekend		Weekday and Weekend	
Non-Electric	Electric	Non-Electric	Electric	Non-Electric	Electric	Non-Electric	Electric	Non-Electric	Electric
\$15	\$28	\$18	\$30	\$18	\$30	\$20	\$30	\$15	\$28

WI NON-RESIDENT CAMPING RATES									
Spring/Fall May 1 st through Thursday before Memorial Day and Labor Day through October 31 st				Summer Friday before Memorial Day through Sunday before Labor Day				Winter Nov. 1 st through April 30 th	
Weekday		Weekend		Weekday		Weekend		Weekday and Weekend	
Non-Electric	Electric	Non-Electric	Electric	Non-Electric	Electric	Non-Electric	Electric	Non-Electric	Electric
\$20	\$33	\$23	\$35	\$23	\$35	\$25	\$35	\$20	\$33

Office hours are as follows: Monday (closed) Tuesday 10am-4pm Wednesday 10am-4pm Thursday 10am-4pm Friday & Saturday 10am-8pm Sunday 10am-4pm

Office hours can vary each day during the fall/winter months

The vehicle admission fees below:

	Wisconsin License Plate	Wisconsin Senior Citizen (65+)	Out-of-State License Plate
Annual (Jan 1 st -Dec 31 st)	\$28	\$13	\$38
2 nd Annual	\$15.50	\$13	\$20.50
Daily	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$11.00
One Hour	\$5.00	N/A	\$5.00
Trail Pass (16y/o+) X-C Trails, Bike Trails, and Horse Trails- per person	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Daily Trail (per	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN
YEAR 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 19th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Farmington, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET of the Town of Farmington in Waupaca County will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The following is a summary of the proposed 2019 budget.

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	%Change
<u>REVENUE</u>			
TAXES	668,365	673,719	0.80%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	309,684	322,934	4.28%
LICENSES & PERMITS	59,975	62,250	3.79%
FINES, FORFEITURES & PENALTIES	100	100	0.00%
PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICES	3,070	3,070	0.00%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	3,536	3,536	0.00%
MISCELLANEOUS	51,100	53,300	4.31%
TOTAL REVENUE	1,095,830	1,118,909	2.11%
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	171,747	160,007	(6.84%)
PUBLIC SAFETY	183,996	182,981	(0.55%)
PUBLIC WORKS	566,229	514,673	(9.11%)
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	15,773	11,074	(29.79%)
CULTURE, RECREATION & EDUCATION	65,446	65,446	0.00%
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT	1,900	4,000	110.53%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	601,500	160,000	(73.40%)
OTHER FINANCING USES	19,251	20,729	7.68%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,625,842	1,118,909	(31.18%)
TOTAL REVENUES OVER(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(530,012)		

	Fund Balance January 1	Total Revenues	Total Expenditures	Fund Balance December 31	Property Tax Contribution	Equalized Tax Rate
All Governmental Funds Combined	228,493	1,118,909	1,118,909	228,493	669,919	\$1.37/M

Following this Public Meeting on the 2019 Proposed Budget we will hold Special Meeting of Electors Follow by Monthly Board Meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal at the Town Hall of Farmington in Wisconsin this 9th day of October 2018.

Danielle Taggart, Clerk-Treasurer

Budget Expenditures:

General Government:

- * Legislative: Town Board salaries, per diems, mileage, dues to WTA
- * Legal: attorney fees and costs to updating code of ordinances
- * General Administration: Clerk/Treasurer salary, office supplies, election costs, computer
- * Financial Administration: auditor fees, assessor fee, consultants
- * General Buildings & Plant: hall custodian salaries, supplies, utilities, maintenance vendors
- * Insurances: Property & Liability, Rural Mutual

Public Safety:

- * Law Enforcement: water safety patrol
- * Fire Protection: Waupaca Area Fire District, fire dues, signage
- * Ambulance: Gold Cross Ambulance Service, EMRs
- * Inspection: Building inspector salary, permits & fees, refundables, state seal, mileage, education

Public Works:

- * Highway Maintenance: snowplowing, repairs, mowing, tree removal, signage, MITECH landfill monitoring
- * Street Lighting: Town, WVH
- * Recycling: trash tags, County PTF

Health & Human Services:

- * Public Health Service: dog pound/Diane Neelis Humane Officer
- * Cemetery: maintenance and operation

Culture, Recreation & Education:

- * Recreation Programs & Events: City Prk & Rec, Chamber fireworks, sponsorships

Conservation & Development:

- * Plan Commission member per diems, comprehensive plan updates

Capital Outlay:

- * Election equipment, town hall, roads, water patrol, cemetery

Contingency: Other financial uses