



Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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Fall-Winter 2021

Farmington Town News:

2022 will have 3 major Elections:

April 5 - spring election

August 9 - partisan primary

November 8 - general election

Election times are 7am to 8pm at our Town hall, E913 Prairie View Ln.

You can go to www.MyVote.wi.gov. to fill out and submit an absentee ballot request or even a new registration form.

Absentee voting will take place at the Town Hall, M-F 8am to 1pm beginning two weeks prior to election day, ending Friday before.

This upcoming election season will be a learning experience for poll workers and voters as we shift to a **new voting machine**. In the past, we have had a couple of options that will no longer be available. The Township, along with many Waupaca County municipalities, were required to purchase one ImageCast Evolution (ICE) voting machine. The previous machines were outdated and could no longer be certified. The ballots will now feature fillable ovals instead of arrows. On election day, we ask that you give yourself some extra time for voting.

Town Board meetings are held every **third Monday @ 6:30pm** at the Town Hall located at the corner of State Road 54 and County Road Q. Agendas are posted in the *Waupaca County Post*, on our website www.farmington-waupaca.com, and at the town hall.

Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget will be held on - **November 15, 2021 @ 7:00pm** followed by the Town Board meeting.

Taxes will be mailed out mid-December. **PAID to Waupaca County Treasurer and mailed to him at 811 Harding St. Waupaca, WI 54981**

THANK YOU to all cooperating with Town Assessor during re-evaluation process. Any changes will be reflected on 2022 taxes.

Dog licenses are also due January 1, 2022. Please bring along proof of rabies vaccination (M/F - \$10 N/S - \$5.00) **PAID AT THE 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).

Summer road work: We seal coated fourteen roads, crack filled thirty-one, filled many, many potholes, shouldered forty-four roads and put down overlays on five sections of roads.

Fall road tour: Took place in October concentrating on road conditions and signage. We will tour again in the spring to analyze how the roads held up over the winter months

Reminder: The Town trims trees in our town right-of-way. We **DO NOT** pick up leaves/brush from private property. Do not throw them in our town right-of-way.....Thank you.

Snowmobile News: 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. Waupaca County is divided into eight zones. To find out which are open or closed, please call **Waupaca Cty Parks & Recreation Dept (715-258-6243) OR visit www.waupacacountyparks.com.**

Snow removal continues with Faulks Bros. Keep in mind our 3-zone plowing areas. Contact either Town Cell (715-513-0013), Caroline Murphy (715-498-9820), Craig Nelson (715-281-9051) or Mark Jensen (715-281-6085) with any concerns. As per Ordinance 05-20-19(2019) , 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**

Using Aerators and Aeration Systems.....DNR

Knowing the rules can help keep people safe and help protect structures from ice damage.

State Regulations: DNR permitting IS NOT required provided:

1. The aeration system is attached to a legal structure (pier, retaining wall, etc.) This can be a previously permitted structure or a structure that is exempt from permitting.

2. The mixing action from the aerator does not disturb the lake bottom. Pointing the aerator flow perpendicular to the lakebed or towards the water surface will help ensure that the lake bottom is not significantly disturbed.

Other Regulations:

In order to protect public safety, ice holes formed from an aerator must be marked with one of the following methods. Please contact the local sheriff's department to report a violation of this requirement (s.167.26 WI Stats.)

* Erect and maintain a barricade around the holes consisting of uprights that are spaced at adequate intervals to maintain the barricade and that are connected by a continuous rope, cord, or similar material placed at least 2.5 feet and not more than 4.5 feet off of the surface. The connecting rope, cord or similar material shall have reflectorized, fluorescent, or lighted ribbon or tape attached to it, so as to be highly visible, and shall be of sufficient strength to allow for the retrieval of the barricades following melting of the ice.

* Erect and maintain a visual warning mechanism that is highly visible and that is reflectorized, fluorescent, or lighted.

Other Best Practices:

Please be aware you may be liable for any accidents that occur due to improperly marked ice holes. Disputes between neighboring landowners may be handled through a civil action. To avoid accidents or injuries, here are some additional best practices that should be followed:

* Limit the open water in the pier vicinity by orienting the circulator to create an up flow of water

* Operate the aerator or circulator on a timer to limit run time to the duration necessary to keep the pier ice free

* Install the aerator in a manner that avoids impacting the ice on your neighbor's property or creates unsafe ice conditions in recreational areas known to be used by ice skaters, fishermen, snowmobilers, etc.

Importance of Safety and the Laws related to ATV/UTV operation.....Jonathan Kaiser, DNR

Emphasizing the importance of safety and the laws related to ATV/UTV operation on the roadways (routes), the DNR has provided a quick reminder about the following requirements:

- * Headlights must be activated
- * Operators must operate on the extreme right side of the roadway in a single file.
- * ATV/UTV must be publicly registered and display the related rear license plate.
- * Proof of registration and ATV Safety (when required) are required to be carried on the machine.
- * Any operators or passengers under the age of 18 must wear a DOT approved helmet.
- * All UTV occupants must wear their seatbelt while under way.
- * ATV Safety certification is required for any operators born on or after 01/01/1988.
- * In order to operate UTV's on a roadway, operators must be at least 16 years or older.
- * For ATV's, any operators between the ages of 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult while on a roadway. No operation under the age of 12 is allowed.
- * The legal blood alcohol content limit for ATV/UTV operation is 0.08%, and operators who are found to be at or above the limit may be arrested for operating under the influence similar to motor vehicles.
- * ATV/UTV use is not allowed within the boundaries of Hartman Creek State Park.

A quick link to the Wisconsin DNR's ATV/UTV website is

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/atv>.



Looking ahead.....Town Electronic drop-off will be held **Friday, April 22nd (EARTH DAY)** at the Town shed from **8am to 12 noon.**

Electronics include TV's, computers, monitors, laptops, netbooks, tablets, keyboards/mice, scanners, printers, fax machines, DVD players, VCR's, DVR's, USB flash drives, external hard drives. **NO CONSOLE TV'S.....**

Seasonal Weight Limits.....will be placed on our Class B roads at the same time that the Waupaca County Highway Commissioner establishes theirs. Permits are available at the Town Hall by contacting the Town Clerk at 715-258-2779 or coming to the Town Hall during regular hours of 8am to 1pm.. They are also available on our website at www.farmington-waupaca.com

Please send email (chair@farmington-waupaca.com) or text to 715--513-0013 when you have a change of address. This will help should the Town need to send out any bulk mailings such as newsletters and surveys. **Thank you.**

Waupaca County Public Health Updates.....by Jed Wohlt, Director

* Information regarding tourist rooming house licensing and room tax information will come out as an insert with your property tax statement in December.. We still have rental owners who are not applying for either a public health license or Town of Farmington permit. Please be responsible.

* The link below provides a portal that allows people to view inspection reports for all of the retail food facilities in the county. - [https://www.waupacacounty-wi.gov/departments/health and human services/view inspections.php](https://www.waupacacounty-wi.gov/departments/health%20and%20human%20services/view%20inspections.php)

* **Waupaca County hosts a Walk-in Wednesday Vaccination clinics every Wednesday from 9am-3pm.** Anybody looking for a COVID test can find locations/resources on website; [https://www.waupacacounty-wi.gov/departments/health and human services/vaccine information.php](https://www.waupacacounty-wi.gov/departments/health%20and%20human%20services/vaccine%20information.php)

Preparing Your Home for Winter.....by Eric Halverson, Deputy Director Waupaca County Emergency Management

Preparing your home for winter before it gets cold can save you money and prevent serious damage. There are a few things that you should consider doing every fall,

Take a walk around your home and see if you are ready for winter.

Let's start inside. You should have your heating system checked out by a qualified technician before each heating seasons. Be sure to change furnace filters if your system uses them.

Check or replace batteries in your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector. Consider replacing older detectors as they don't last forever.

Take a walk outside to where the furnace and water heater vents are located. Make sure the area is clear. Remove any vegetation that may have grown over the summer. Also clean or replace your dryer vent pipe. It is a good idea to check this area for snow accumulations throughout the winter months also.

If you heat with wood, clean the chimney before you start burning for winter. It's a good idea to have the chimney inspected by a professional.

Be sure to disconnect garden hoses from outdoor faucets during freezing temperatures. Even if you have frost-free faucets, they cannot drain properly with a hose connected,

Fall is the time when your rain gutters collect the most leaves and debris. You may need to clean them several times before winter comes. Clogged gutters can lead to ice dams that can cause major damage to your house. Be sure that the downspout lead away from the house so that water does not follow the foundation and leak into the basement.

Be sure that your address sign (fire number) is visible from the road. Cut back any vegetation that could block the address sign after a heavy snowfall or from high snow banks.

Avoid using space heaters if at all possible. If you do need to use them, be sure to keep combustible materials away from them. Never plug a space heater in to an extension cord. Be sure that a working smoke detector is in the immediate area when a space heater is in use.

A little bit of time now can save your home from potential damage and help to keep you and your family safe this winter.



What Do I do with...? Holiday Edition



For more information visit waupacacountyrecycling.com




Christmas Trees

Real trees and wreaths should not go in the garbage. Bring to yard waste drop off or check with municipality for curbside collection.



Wrapping Paper

Only recyclable if 100% paper. Metallic, or glittery wrapping paper is garbage.



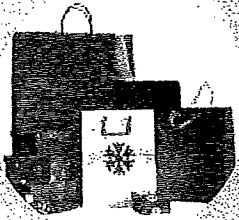
Christmas Lights

Garbage or special drop off to be recycled. Never put in curbside recycling bin.



Air Pillow/ Bubble Wrap

Garbage or special drop off to be recycled. Never put in curbside recycling bin.




Gift Bags

Do not recycle if glossy. If bags are 100% paper then they are okay to recycle. Reuse if not worn out.



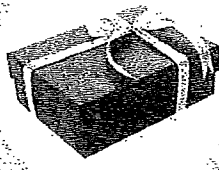
Styrofoam Packing Peanuts

Garbage.



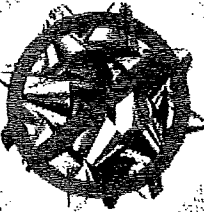
Holiday Greeting Cards

Paper cards and envelopes are recyclable. Glossy photo cards and foil envelopes are garbage.



Gift Boxes

Recycle. Empty completely and flatten. Or save and reuse until they become worn out.



Bows/Ribbon

Garbage. Save for next year if still useable.



Tissue Paper

Garbage. Save for next year if still useable.

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 1
- 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/SurvivorsSpension.pdf>

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN
YEAR 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 15th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Farmington, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2022 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 2022 budget.

	<u>2021</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>			
TAXES	696,450	701,584	0.74%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	345,462	348,995	1.02%
LICENSES & PERMITS	50,529	39,821	(21.19%)
FINES, FORFEITURES & PENALTIES	500	100	(80.00%)
PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICES	3,320	3,570	7.53%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	3,536	536	(84.84%)
MISCELLANEOUS	51,800	51,300	(0.97%)
TOTAL REVENUE	1,151,597	1,145,906	(0.49%)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	179,414	216,875	20.88%
PUBLIC SAFETY	194,507	202,570	4.15%
PUBLIC WORKS	510,728	508,194	(0.50%)
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	11,575	11,000	(4.97%)
CULTURE, RECREATION & EDUCATION	67,675	70,175	3.69%
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT	3,000	2,000	(33.33%)
CAPITAL OUTLAY	159,698	110,092	(31.06%)
OTHER FINANCING USES	25,000	25,000	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,151,597	1,145,906	(0.49%)
TOTAL REVENUES OVER(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	

	Fund Balance January 1	Total Revenues	Total Expenditures	Fund Balance December 31	Property Tax Contribution	Equalized Tax Rate
All Governmental Funds Combined	450,549	1,145,906	1,145,906	450,549	683,084	\$1.1746

Following this Public Hearing on the 2022 Proposed Budget we will hold the Special Meeting of Electors to adopt town tax levy followed by the Town Monthly Board Meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal at the Town Hall of Farmington in Wisconsin this 20th day of October 2021.

Danielle Taggart, Clerk-Treasurer