



# Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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## Farmington Town News:

The Town Board has received requests to investigate the possibility of putting garbage/recycling automated pick-up cost on the tax bill. It has been suggested that it could be up to ¼ the cost of what some residents are paying now for this service. At our March 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting, three companies presented their proposals. The Board will not make this decision. We are pursuing the idea of putting it on the August 9<sup>th</sup> ballot as a referendum item for the voters to decide.

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## April 19, 2016.....Annual Town meeting of Electors....7:00pm.....TUESDAY

Agenda items are the audit and financial report by Chairman Will followed by any other business that may legally come before the Board.

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## Open Book/ Board of Review:

Each year residents are given the opportunity to meet at the Town Hall with the assessor during Open Book to discuss their current property assessments. If you choose after that meeting to appear before the Board of Review to contest your assessment, you will need to submit the necessary objection form in advance and receive an assigned appearance time from the Town Clerk. The burden of proof lies with the property holder to provide their case for change in assessment.

**Open Book and Board of Review are held at the Town Hall. Specific dates published in *Waupaca County Post*.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> half taxes** are due July 31<sup>st</sup> to the Waupaca County Treasurer  
PO Box 663  
Waupaca, WI 54981

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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 Hwy Q.

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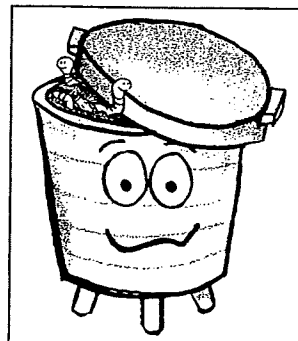
## Spring Clean-Up.....

The Town appreciates any walkers who pick up litter found in the ditches and on the road shoulders. Many neighbors will take a small garbage bag along with them on their walk for that reason. **THANK YOU** for keeping Farmington looking good.

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## A Gift for that Gardener in Your Life...

Help your garden be the best it can be! Feed it COMPOST! Compost bins are available for sale at the Waupaca County Solid Waste Dept. 811 Harding St. Waupaca and the Waupaca County PTF, Manawa until sold out. Price is \$55.00 which includes the bin and a "How-To" handbook. Questions? Call 715-258-6240.



**ROADS:**

The Town Board will be discussing road work plans for crack sealing, pothole repairs and sealcoat applications. Residents will receive a postcard when major work will be done. **Thank you** for your cooperation.

Winter was relatively mild compared to out East! Our Faulks Bros expenses for snow removal and sand/salt spreading for the 2015-2016 maintenance was \$73,960.36 to time of publication. We spent \$70,699.95 for the 2014-2015 winter season.

The sand/salt mix applied on the icy roads will be either swept or vacuumed in mid-April.



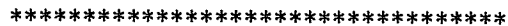
**Chain O' Lakes skiing hours: Rainbow, Round, Columbia, Long lakes.....**

Monday, Friday – 10am – 4pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 10am – 7pm

Saturday, Sunday, Holidays – 10am – 2:30pm

The Chain Skiers were approved at our March 21,2016 Board meeting to practice during the summer on Rainbow Lake beginning at 8am on Saturdays. We support their program for our youth.



**Town of Farmington** 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, Sandy Grenlie at the Town Hall, 715-258-2779.



**Operator licenses for bartenders** are valid July 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup> and renewable each year for \$20.00. Any person not already holding a license in the Town of Farmington will need to have proof of completion of the **Responsible Beverage Service Course** when making application. Please contact Sandy Grenlie at 715-258-2779 or stop at the Town Hall.

**Garbage Tags**

The Farmington Town Hall is a “point of sale” location for the orange trash tags used with the “Pay-By-The-Bag” garbage service provided by the Recycling Center at 601 Parkside Pky (Cty K). Tags are available in sheets of 5 at a cost of \$15.00 per sheet or \$3.00 for one tag.



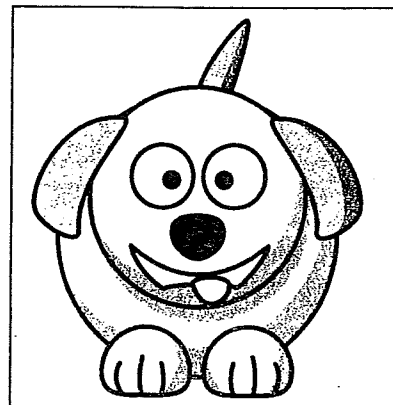
**Dog News.....H.E.L.P. Shelter Dog**

Diane Neelis is the Town’s animal control officer, licensed by the state of Wisconsin, operating the H.E.L.P. Shelter Dog Rescue, Inc at E2011 King Rd. (715-258-6929).

If a resident should find a stray/lost dog, please call Diane and it will be picked up.

Although Wisconsin law says that a dog needs to be held for seven days, Diane has no deadline on the length of time it will stay at the Shelter. If the owner does not come, the dog is put up for adoption. That is why Diane felt, back in 2003, to begin the H.E.L.P. (Help Every Lonely Pet) Shelter Dog Rescue. Her primary goals were to find new homes for dogs, to spay/neuter them and to find veterinary services for surgeries and medical care. With the additional knowledge of Wisconsin laws, Diane has also received further insight into the identifying factors of animal abuse. She enjoys and welcomes the opportunity to help owners learn how to deal better with their animals and prevent any cruelty towards them. She finds it rewarding to place a dog in a new home with a new family, giving it a second chance for a better life.

Appointments are needed. Closed Sundays and Holidays.



**Outdoor Burning Laws for Waupaca County.....by Tim Banaszak, Forestry Technician DNR**

**\* Burning permits (including special permits) are required January 1 thru May 31** when the ground is not completely snow-covered. This applies to areas outside of incorporated cities and villages. For burning restriction within city and village limits, contact local officials.

**\* Annual burning permits** are valid for the entire calendar year, but require daily authorization. Permits can be obtained over the phone (1-888-947-2876), online ([dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)) (search keyword "burn permit") or (search keyword "burning restrictions"), or from Emergency Fire Wardens:

-Wisconsin Veteran Home: 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm (715)258-4241.

-K&E Builders: E1022 Hwy 54, (715)258-5410.

-Waupaca Cty PTF: E4981 Swan Rd Manawa, (920)596-5370

-Waupaca Cty Sheriff Dept. 1402 E Royalton St. (715)258-4466

**\* A special burning permit** must be obtained from a DNR office for brush piles larger than 6'x6'x6' and for broadcast burns greater than 10 acres in size.

**Residential burning is restricted** to pine needles, leaves, grass, brush, unpainted/untreated wood, and confidential papers. Restrictions apply all year. Businesses are prohibited from any outdoor burning.

**\* Campfires for warming or cooking purposes** do not require a burning permit and are allowed anytime except during Emergency Burning Restrictions.

**\* Your fire must be attended at all times** until completely extinguished and cold to the touch. Failure to extinguish is a crime and may result in a \$500 fine and/or 30 days in jail. Should your fire escape, you can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages.

**Protection Tips:**

- Make sure your debris pile or campfire is out cold to the touch when you leave.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- Practice an "in home" fire drill and designate a safe meeting place outside.

**The First Simple Steps** every homeowner should take to make their home safer from wildfire:

- Remove pine needles, leaves and branches off roofs and out of rain gutters.
- Remove tree branches that overhang the roof.
- Clean areas that tend to be natural traps for debris (decks, window wells, around foundation).
- Remove flammable materials within the first 3 to 5 feet around structures.
- Remove branches of evergreen trees up to a height of 6-10 feet.
- Move firewood and other flammables 30 feet away from buildings
- Create a 10 foot clearance around your propane tank
- Remove dead branches, trees and shrubs within 100 feet of structures
- Keep lawn clean and green. Rake 30 feet around buildings.

**Burn Barrels**

Burning of trash, whether in an open pit, burn barrels or household incinerator, is unhealthy, un-neighborly, unnecessary, unsafe and illegal.

**Unhealthy** – no pollution control, generates cancer-causing chemicals and heavy metals in smoke and ash, other risks include emphysema, asthma, birth defects.

**Un-neighborly** - lingering smoke, strong odors, endangers health.

**Unnecessary** – Waupaca County has numerous options for recycling and solid waste disposal.

**Unsafe** – puts firefighters and citizens at risk and are costly.

**Illegal** – to burn garbage, recyclables and cardboard.



**As a reminder.....**

Emergency fire numbers are provided for your protection. Fire numbers are **required, not optional**. Numbers must be visible at eye level 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 also responsible for checking their numbers to see if they need to remove and overgrown branches or weeds to make the number visible from the road. Fire numbers are NOT to be attached to any mailboxes. They **MUST** be on the poles provided.

**It's Up to You.....Eric Halverson, Deputy Director,  
Waupaca County Emergency Management.**

Preparing for emergencies is not a new topic of discussion. Early in the 1950's, the Civil Defense program was focused primarily on nuclear threats to our country. Early education of the citizens were things like "Duck and Cover" and "Bert the Turtle". Waupaca County has had an emergency management program for over 50 years. The programs have evolved over the years to become an "All-Hazards" approach for safety of the public.

Surveys that have been conducted in recent years show that less than 25 percent of people are concerned about emergency preparedness. Less than 10 percent have emergency plans and emergency kits. And of that 10 percent, only about 1 percent have practiced with their plans or refreshed the emergency kits. Many people surveyed believe that it was not their responsibility to be prepared. "Someone will take care of us in an emergency" was a common response.

Who are the "First Responders" to an emergency in your community? Most people would say Police, Fire, and EMS. If you thought that, think again. **YOU** are the "First Responders" in the community. **YOU** are there before any professional services arrive. The Emergency Responders (Police, Fire, EMS, etc.) work on a "worst first" basis. The better prepared that you are, the better your recovery from the emergency will be. In many cases, the only reason a situation became an emergency is because of not being prepared in a large scale disaster. It could be several days before assistance can reach you.

Technology today may actually be putting us farther behind in preparing ourselves for the emergencies that we may encounter. Most of the tools that we rely on in our daily lives depend upon utilities of some sort. This is often the first to go in a disaster situation. Make sure that your preparations can function without the normal sources.

To the 10 percent of the people that have a plan and a kit, the Emergency Responders say THANK YOU. For the 90 percent that do not, the responsibility rests in your hands.

Here are some excellent websites with information on emergency preparedness plans and kits:

**ready.gov – Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**readywisconsin.wi.gov – Wisconsin Emergency Management**

**do1thing.com – provides a monthly preparedness task**

Many of the items that you need you probably have. Organize them in a location that you can find when you need them. Be sure to restock items that need to be refreshed, such as water, food items and batteries. The cost is very minimal and it takes very little time to assemble for the kit and write your plan. **It's up to you.**

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**Welcome to the Waupaca County Veterans Service Office.....Jesse P. Cuff**

Have you served in the military? When was the last time you checked into the benefits associated with former military service? The Waupaca County Veterans Service Office can help!

We are often the initial contact for all veterans' services. Our office consists of the County Veterans Service Officer and professional Veterans Benefit Specialists who perform a critical role in providing education about federal and state veterans' benefits to all communities located within the boundaries of Waupaca County. The Veterans Service Office is committed to providing vital and efficient services to veterans, their dependents, and survivors. This office provides support to approximately 5,000 veterans and their families.

The Waupaca County Service Office is committed to fostering a mutually beneficial relationship for the common good of all veterans. It is the intent of this office to secure all benefits for which veterans are entitled by law and moral obligation, by providing assistance and education to veterans and their families.

Understanding veterans' 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!

Waupaca County Courthouse 715-258-6475  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm

**Solid Waste & Recycling Program Updates.....by  
Deb Krogwold, Recycling Coordinator**

**Medication Disposal:** Medication collection boxes for the disposal of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, including pet medications, are available year-round at the Waupaca County Sheriff Department and the Clintonville, New London and Weyauwega Police Departments. **New guidelines now allow pills to be dumped together in a plastic bag.** Liquids, ointments and powders should be kept in their original containers. Recycle your empty pill bottles at home with your other recyclables.

**Tire Round-Up:** During the first two weeks of May, residents can dispose of tires at a reduced rate at the Waupaca County PTF, E4981 Swan Rd., Manawa. Car tires without rim will cost \$3.00 per tire; \$6 with rim. Car tires in quantities greater than four and all other tires will be weighed, with the cost of disposal based on \$175 per ton.

**TV's, Computers, VCRs, DVRs, DVD Players, Printers, Scanners, etc:** are required to be recycled under State Law. These items are accepted at the Waupaca County PTF, E4981 Swan Rd., Manawa. Cost \$0.25 per pound for residential electronics; \$0.30 per pound for business electronics.

**Recycle More & Pay Less for Garbage!** Don't forget about this very popular program at the Waupaca Regional Recycling & Composting Center, 601 Lakeside Parkway, Waupaca. The less garbage you have (by recycling all you can), the less you pay to get rid of that garbage! Stop in during hours of operation

**Monday 12 - 6**

**Friday 7 - 4**

**Saturday 7 -5**

for more detailed information, or visit [www.waupacacountyrecycling.com](http://www.waupacacountyrecycling.com) Larger, bulkier items such as furniture, carpet, drywall, can be brought to the PTF for a minimum charge of \$15 up to 400 pounds or \$72 per ton. Brochure available online, [www.waupacacountyrecycling.com](http://www.waupacacountyrecycling.com)

**Household Hazardous Waste.** The Household Hazardous Waste collection program begins May 1 and runs through October 31 at the Waupaca County PTF and is by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Call 715-258-6249 to set up an appointment to dispose of items such as old gas, paint thinner, varnish, oil paints, pesticides, and other poisonous or flammable substances.

**Outdoor Burning.** Burning of garbage, furniture, treated wood, construction debris, etc is **illegal** and carries a hefty fine. Residential households can burn only leaves, brush, clean untreated wood and small amounts of confidential papers. Although burning permits are required through June 1, the above burning restrictions apply year-round. Permits can be obtained online at [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov) (search keyword "burn permit") or through the DNR Fire Warden Office at Hartman Creek State Park.

**Reminder.....** Residents can now recycle **ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS!**

The Waupaca Recycling Center in Waupaca now accepts produce, bakery, and deli containers (berry, donut, cookie, potato salad, etc) and all dairy containers (yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese, sour cream, etc) and the lids! Items that cannot be accepted (which are only a few) are motor oil bottles, plastic bags, plant pots, 5-gallon pails.

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**County Hwy Q Reminder.....**

The Waupaca County Highway Dept. will finish Cty Hwy Q this spring. hopefully opening around Memorial Day weekend. Please be advised that it could go into June depending on the weather and the asphalt distributors' operations.

**Remember: Cty Q road will be closed during this time with detours in place.**

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON**  
**WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN**  
Detailed Comparison of Budgeted and Actual Revenues  
General Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015  
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2014)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	Actual Prior Year Amount
<b>Taxes</b>					
General property taxes	\$ 651,317	\$ 651,317	\$ 651,297	\$ (20)	\$ 651,058
Woodland/forest crop/managed forest crop	-	-	3,636	3,636	3,624
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>651,317</b>	<b>651,317</b>	<b>654,933</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>654,682</b>
<b>Intergovernmental</b>					
State shared taxes	57,482	57,482	57,393	(89)	57,512
<b>State aids</b>					
Exempt computer aid	295	295	222	(73)	295
Fire insurance dues	15,741	15,741	14,821	(920)	15,741
Water patrol	3,000	3,000	3,044	44	3,016
Transportation	170,391	170,391	170,391	-	163,813
Severance/Yield/Withdrawal	-	-	7,951	7,951	2,517
Municipal service aid	19,250	19,250	19,184	(66)	19,021
Managed forest lands	559	559	570	11	559
PILT - State conservation aid	289	289	289	-	289
PILT - Equiv. to property tax	326	326	325	(1)	326
<b>Total Intergovernmental</b>	<b>267,333</b>	<b>267,333</b>	<b>274,190</b>	<b>6,857</b>	<b>263,089</b>
<b>Licenses and Permits</b>					
<b>Business and occupational licenses</b>					
Liquor and malt beverages	5,675	5,675	5,075	(600)	5,675
Cigarette license fees	1,200	1,200	1,070	(130)	1,310
Dog licenses	1,775	1,775	1,747	(28)	1,783
Building permits	15,700	15,700	25,856	10,156	21,631
Cable franchise fees	29,000	29,000	31,480	2,480	29,975
<b>Total Licenses and Permits</b>	<b>53,350</b>	<b>53,350</b>	<b>65,228</b>	<b>11,878</b>	<b>60,374</b>
<b>Fines and Forfeits</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>849</b>
<b>Public Charges for Services</b>					
Clerk/treasurer fees	200	200	510	310	200
Liquor license advertising fees	110	110	100	(10)	110
Culverts and snowplowing	100	100	150	50	150
Cemetery lot and maintenance fees	1,200	1,200	900	(300)	-
W.V.H. street light reimbursement	536	536	536	-	536
Water patrol reimbursement	3,000	3,000	2,397	(603)	2,581
Fire sign fees	100	100	350	250	550
Recycling tag fee	100	100	450	350	120
Fireworks application fees	-	-	1,000	1,000	500
<b>Total Public Charges for Services</b>	<b>5,346</b>	<b>5,346</b>	<b>6,393</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>4,747</b>
<b>Interest on Investments</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>3,002</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>3,189</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>					
Insurance refund - landfill	48,000	48,000	48,000	-	48,000
Building Inspector Ed. Fund	800	800	1,135	335	1,025
Miscellaneous	-	-	5,454	5,454	-
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>48,800</b>	<b>48,800</b>	<b>54,589</b>	<b>5,789</b>	<b>49,025</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,028,746</b>	<b>\$ 1,028,746</b>	<b>\$ 1,058,427</b>	<b>\$ 29,681</b>	<b>\$ 1,035,955</b>

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON**  
**WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN**  
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General Fund  
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<b>General Government</b>					
Town Board	\$ 30,650	\$ 30,650	\$ 27,582	\$ 3,068	\$ 30,746
Legal	2,000	2,000	3,314	(1,314)	2,175
General administration	13,000	13,000	12,405	595	12,968
Elections	4,200	4,200	4,662	(462)	11,037
Accounting	6,160	6,160	6,285	(125)	6,050
Town clerk/treasurer	60,627	60,627	50,139	10,488	53,695
Assessor	21,366	21,366	21,529	(163)	21,944
Town hall maintenance	15,000	15,000	18,371	(3,371)	12,349
Employee life and disability insurance	7,439	7,439	6,869	570	7,439
Liability, property and worker's compensation insurance	6,500	6,500	6,106	394	6,356
Miscellaneous	-	-	194	(194)	-
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>166,942</b>	<b>166,942</b>	<b>157,456</b>	<b>9,486</b>	<b>164,759</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>					
Law enforcement	7,600	7,600	5,992	1,608	6,453
Fire protection	104,091	104,091	103,620	471	104,023
Ambulance	50,113	50,113	50,113	-	51,844
Building inspector	14,500	14,500	20,133	(5,633)	17,156
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>176,304</b>	<b>176,304</b>	<b>179,858</b>	<b>(3,554)</b>	<b>179,476</b>
<b>Public Works</b>					
Highway maintenance	466,145	452,300	364,372	87,928	380,948
Highway marking and signing	25,000	25,000	18,390	6,610	10,768
Street lighting	25,550	25,550	25,016	534	24,934
Sanitary landfill	40,000	40,000	29,075	10,925	30,582
Recycling	9,582	9,582	10,000	(418)	11,722
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>566,277</b>	<b>552,432</b>	<b>446,853</b>	<b>105,579</b>	<b>458,954</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>					
Parks and recreation	57,091	57,091	57,091	-	57,091
Fire works display	1,675	1,675	1,675	-	1,675
Senior Center	500	500	-	500	310
Historical society	-	-	-	-	50
<b>Total Culture and Recreation</b>	<b>59,266</b>	<b>59,266</b>	<b>58,766</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>59,126</b>
<b>Health and Human Services</b>					
Cemetery	9,600	9,600	11,166	(1,566)	8,221
Humane shelter/dog pound	2,257	2,257	1,257	1,000	1,359
<b>Total Health and Human Services</b>	<b>11,857</b>	<b>11,857</b>	<b>12,423</b>	<b>(566)</b>	<b>9,580</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>					
Comprehensive planning	1,500	1,500	765	735	1,174
<b>Capital Outlay</b>					
Office equipment	-	-	-	-	19,749
Town hall	-	-	48,820	(48,820)	703,927
Utility shed	45,000	58,845	72,045	(13,200)	-
Water patrol	-	-	-	-	9,155
Land	-	-	-	-	52,834
Election	1,600	1,600	1,500	100	-
Cemetery	-	2,200	2,200	-	-
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>46,600</b>	<b>62,645</b>	<b>124,565</b>	<b>(61,920)</b>	<b>785,665</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,028,746</b>	<b>\$ 1,030,946</b>	<b>\$ 980,686</b>	<b>\$ 50,260</b>	<b>\$ 1,658,734</b>