



Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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Spring-Summer 2023

Farmington Town News:

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. (Exception being April & November begin at 7:00pm) Agendas are posted in the *Waupaca County Post*, on our website www.farmingtonwi.com and at the town hall.

TUESDAY, April 18, 2023 - Annual Town meeting of Electors...at 7:00pm.

Agenda items are the audit and financial report along with any other business that may legally come before the Board. **A regular Town Board meeting will follow.**

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WisDOT is planning **Hwy 54** road work sometime during **2025** from Portage Cty line to Foxfire.

The Town currently oversees three cemeteries: **Barton, Salem and Sheridan.** Sites are available for purchase at \$500.00 which includes Perpetual Care. Anyone interested can contact the Cemetery Secretary, Kathy Kasza at the Town Hall (715-258-2779). You can also go on our website www.farmingtonwi.com to view the Town updated Cemetery Ordinance with Rules and Regulations.

2nd half taxes are due July 31st & sent to the
Waupaca County Treasurer
811 Harding St
Waupaca, WI 54981

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 are published in the *Waupaca County Post* and on the Town website www.farmingtonwi.com .**

Jeremy Kurtzweil is our Town Assessor and can be reached at 715-486-9019 or artemis1@charter.net.

Town Electronic drop-off will be held **Friday, April 21st (EARTH DAY is April 22nd) 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.**

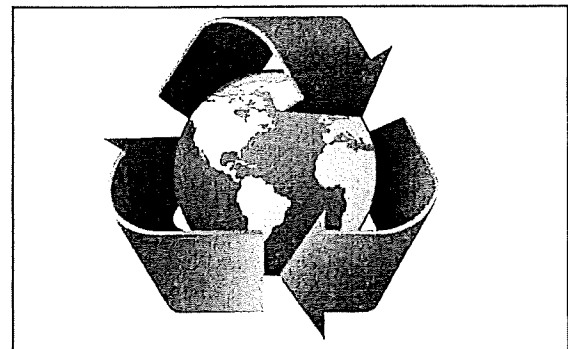
Our Electronic Drop-Off is for Town of Farmington residents ONLY. Please do not bring any electronics from friends living in other towns or cities. THANK YOU.

Operator licenses for bartenders are valid July 1st thru June 30th of the following year and renewable 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 Kathy Kasza, Town Clerk at 715-258-2779 or stop at the Town Hall.

Town wants to say **“Thank You”** to our residents for their patience and understanding while working through the new garbage/recycling pick-up with Harter’s Fox Valley Disposal.

Also to the residents on six of our roads involved with WPS / InterCon digging, road blockage and disruption as they installed underground wiring. Hopefully this spring will bring a completion of their project.

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Wisconsin Burning Permits.....provided by Jake Foster, DNR

* **Burning permits** (including special permits) are required January 1 thru May 31 to conduct legal and responsible burning in the outdoors when the ground is not completely snow-covered. This applies to areas outside of incorporated cities and villages.

* **Annual burning permits** are valid for the entire calendar year, but require daily authorization. Permits can be obtained over the phone **1-888-WIS-BURN (1-888-947-2876) from 7am to 10pm**, online (**dnr.wi.gov**.) search keyword "burn permit" or search keyword "burning restrictions"

***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 notice.

***DNR burning permits** are issued annually to a person, not to a specific address and are non-transferable.

* **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 fine or jail time. Should your fire escape, you can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages

Burn Barrels are unhealthy, un-neighborly, unnecessary, unsafe and **illegal**.

Always consider alternatives to burning: reuse, recycle, dispose, compost, chip, wait!

July 1st Round Lake fireworks display: At their May 17,2021 meeting, the Town Board passed Ordinance 5/17/21(2021) Regulating Boating Upon the Water of Round Lake to Assist in the Preparation/Set-up for the Fireworks Display for July One Day Event. **In other words**, the Town was asked to help while the workers prepare and setup for the evening event. The ordinance is for boaters to go **slow-no-wake while passing through Round Lake after 2:00pm**. Please note that this is for **one day only**. Excessive wave action hinders the workers in their setup. Show kindness and consideration in your boating activities for that day. **Thank you.**

PLEASE check your plant growth around your **fire number** that would interfere with the number being visible. You are responsible for removal of any overgrown branches/weeds that would cover the numbers. Fire numbers are required by law.(WI Stat 59.54(4)(a)(b)Public Protection & Safety) If a post has been damaged, contact the Town Hall 715-258-2779.

Please notify the Town Hall if you notice any "obnoxious weeds" surrounding your lot that are in the town right-of-way. As per WI Stats 66.0407, refer to "noxious weed" as Canada thistle, leafy spurge, field bindweed, plus any weed designated by DNR rule. The Town will have a certified County Hwy worker spray. **Thank you**

Solid Waste & Recycling Program Updates-2023.....Taylor Sorenson, Recycling Coordinator for Waupaca Cty

***Curbside Recycling** – Recycling must remain loose inside the cart. If you are unsure if an item is recyclable – “When in doubt, throw it out!”. The Recycling Center on Cty K is open for excessive garbage/recycling, yard waste, brush, used oil, tires and scrap metal disposal (fees may apply). Hours are Monday noon-6pm, Friday 7am-4pm (April-November) and Saturday 7am-3pm.

***Compost Bins for Sale** – Starting May 1st, the **Home Composter** will be on display and available for purchase at Solid Waste Dept at the Courthouse, 811 Harding St. Waupaca. and at Waupaca County PTF. Bin capacity is 128 gallons, with locking lid, dual access doors and a “How To” handbook. Cost \$65.00 includes tax. They will also offer a **Kitchen Katcher Compost Pail** for \$25.00. It is a stainless steel pail for collecting food scraps for compost and is dishwasher safe.

***May Appliance Round-Up** held during the first two weeks in May at Waupaca Cty PTF at reduced rates: freon appliances \$10.00 and non-freon appliances \$8.00 payable by cash or check.

***Household Hazardous Waste: begins May 1st thru October** at Waupaca Cty PTF by appointment only. by calling 715-258-6249 to dispose of old gas, paint thinner, varnish, oil paints, pesticides.

Communicating with Family and Friends During an Emergency..... Eric Halverson, County Deputy Director Emergency Management

Emergencies can happen at any time. You may be at work, at school, at home or traveling. You may not be at a place that you can make or receive a phone call. You may be getting out of harm's way, in a noisy area or your phone call won't go through because of heavy cellular call volume.

Often during emergency situations, people instinctively pick up the phone to call family or friends within the first few minutes. However, this can cause the telecommunications network to become overloaded, meaning that critical, emergency calls might not get through. Instead, utilize other phone features in the first few hours to help keep networks clear for first responders

Consider sending a text message instead of a voice call. There are several advantages to texting during emergencies. Text messages have a better chance of being completed when the cellular services are congested.

Here are some suggestions to help create a good text message:

- Make sure that you are in a safe location. Do not attempt to send or read a text if you are driving.
- Create a group text message to let everyone know what is happening. They all receive the same message and can easily read it again if necessary. This also makes it easy to reply and not miss anyone.
- Compose short messages, with only the most important information. Don't use abbreviations as they can be easily misunderstood during stressful situations.
- Let the people know if you are safe or if you need help.
- Tell them where you are and where you are planning to go if you need to leave your current location. Be specific about locations and when you plan to be there.
- Ask for a reply that they received the message and that they are OK.
- If you need to follow up with a voice call, text and ask if it is OK to call.
- Avoid sending pictures, as this may slow down the message being sent.

If you are unable to send a text message and can go to an area several miles away and try to resend the message. You may be able to connect to a different provider or tower location.

If you have a "Text over WIFI" option, be sure to enable that feature.

As for using "Text to 911", it is better to call 911 than text in an emergency, 911 dispatchers can respond and ask questions more quickly with a voice call. In addition, many 911 dispatch centers are not able to reservice or respond to text calls at this point.

Keep important phone numbers current in your contacts, such as your doctor, insurance agent, daycare, handyman and others that you may not be able to search for on the internet.

Keep your phone charged and have a means to recharge your phone when needed. Most of all, try to limit unnecessary use during disasters so that others with emergencies can get through.

RV's/Campers Information Reminder:

There are **2 Ordinances** that **MUST** be followed if you plan on having yours, guests, relatives come with a RV or Camper to park on your property:

If you live within the **Sanitary District: Hook-ups are PROHIBITED**. Waste must be properly disposed of at a wastewater facility. Permits can be obtained by calling 715-258-9200 as revisions/updates are being done for length of time a RV/Camper can be placed on property.

If you live outside Sanitary District **BUT within the Township**, we follow Waupaca Cty Planning & Zoning: Temporary Occupancy of Recreational Vehicle ordinance: permitted only **ONE** to be parked on premises for storage purposes only. Recreational vehicles may be used for temporary parking and living purposes on vacant parcels within districts that permit such use for a period not to exceed 30 days. A Conditional Use Permit shall be obtained if such use is proposed to continue for period in excess of 30 days. Call Waupaca Cty Planning & Zoning at 715-258-6255 for questions.

Chain O'Lakes News.....Phil Durrant, Supervisor II

During last summer's boating season 2022, the Town of Dayton decided to not approve the funds needed to place LED safety lights on the buoys in their area of the Chain O'Lakes. In an effect to improve overall safety on all waters of the Chain, the Town of Farmington has decided to install LED safety lights on the buoys in the Town of Dayton water so that all buoys on the Chain will be similarly marked. Happy Boating!

Town of Farmington 2022 Budget to Actual

Year Ended 12/31/2022

REVENUE	2022 Budget	Actual
TAXES	701,584	774,679
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	348,995	554,223
LICENSES & PERMITS	39,821	54,901
FINES, FORFEITURES & PENALTIES	100	344
PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICES	3,570	3,684
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	536	1,789
MISCELLANEOUS	51,300	58,115
TOTAL REVENUE	1,145,906	1,447,735

EXPENDITURES	2022 Budget	Actual
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	216,875	248,251
PUBLIC SAFETY	202,570	209,008
PUBLIC WORKS	508,194	430,550
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	11,000	10,390
CULTURE, RECREATION & EDUCATION	70,175	65,141
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT	2,000	42,750
CAPITAL OUTLAY	110,092	205,838
OTHER FINANCING USES	25,000	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,145,906	1,211,928
NET REVENUES OVER(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	235,807

FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1	647,312	872,122
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	872,122	1,107,929

Town News: King Road Project

The Town applied for and received a TRI-S grant for King Road work. Public Involvement meetings will take place in Fall of 2023. Construction to begin in 2024.

Understanding VA Healthcare

WHAT IS VA HEALTHCARE?

VA Healthcare provides no-cost care to indigent Veterans, Veterans with catastrophic medical conditions, Veterans with a disability rating of 50 percent or higher, or for conditions that are officially rated as "service-connected." VA Healthcare is not insurance. In order to take advantage of this benefit you must be eligible, apply, and be enrolled. Every Veteran has a unique eligibility status which affects the specific benefits they may receive.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible if you were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions and meet:

Minimum Duty Requirements

Most Veterans who enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981, must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which they were called to active duty in order to be eligible. This minimum duty requirement may not apply to Veterans who were discharged for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, for a hardship or "early out," or those who served prior to September 7, 1980. Since there are a number of other exceptions to the minimum duty requirements, VA encourages all Veterans to apply so that we may determine their enrollment eligibility.

Combat Veterans who were discharged or released from active service on or after January 28, 2003, are now eligible to enroll in the VA health care system for 5 years from the date of discharge or release. *NOTE:* The 5-year enrollment period applicable to these Veterans begins on the discharge or separation date of the service member from active duty military service, or in the case of multiple call-ups, the most recent discharge date.

Combat Veterans who were discharged or released from active service after January 1, 2009, and before January 1, 2011, who did not enroll within the 5 years as stated above, are now eligible to enroll in the VA health care system for an additional period of one year beginning February 12, 2015.

Enhanced Eligibility

Certain Veterans may be afforded enhanced eligibility status when applying and enrolling in the VA healthcare system. Veterans who:

- Are a Former Prisoner of War (POW)
- In receipt of the Purple Heart Medal.
- In receipt of the Medal of Honor.
- Have a compensable VA awarded service-connected disability of 10% or more.
- In receipt of a VA Pension.
- Were discharged from the military because of a disability (not preexisting), early out, or hardship.
- Served in a Theater of Operations (for 5 years post discharge).
- Served in the Republic of Vietnam from January 9, 1962 to May 7, 1975.
U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships associated with military service in Vietnam see VA site.
- Served in the Persian Gulf from August 2, 1990 to November 11, 1998.
- Were stationed or resided at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or more between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987.
- Are found by VA to be Catastrophically Disabled.
- Previous years' household income is below VA's National Income or Geographical-Adjusted Thresholds.

Note: 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

Source / for more information:

<http://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/apply/veterans.asp>
http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/publications/IB10-438_combat_veteran_eligibility.pdf
<https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/>
http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/publications/IB10-441_enrollment_priority_groups.pdf

Waupaca County Curbside Recycling Guidelines

Plastic

ACCEPT:

- All plastic bottles & containers
- Household bottles, jars & jugs
- Dairy & take-out containers & lids

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- Plastic bags, wrap or film
- Motor Oil Bottles
- Styrofoam



Empty, rinse & replace caps & lids

Paper

ACCEPT:

- Newspaper, inserts, & junk mail
- Cardboard & paperboard (food boxes)
- Milk, juice & soup cartons
- Office, school paper
- Phonebooks, soft cover books & magazines

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- Pet food bags
- Tissue paper & gift wrap
- Shredded paper



Do not bundle & tie
Flatten & cut boxes to 2 ft x 2 ft

Metal & Glass

ACCEPT:

- Aluminum bottles & cans
- Steel & tin cans
- Food & beverage bottles & jars

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- Aluminum pans or foil
- Aerosol cans
- Scrap Metal
- Window glass
- Ceramics, china & drinking glasses



Empty & rinse

New

Recycling must remain loose & placed in a reusable container

NO Ties or Bags!

When in doubt...Throw it out

2023

Town of Farmington

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 Trash Only
 Trash & Recycle

 Holiday Observance
 Jan 1st - New Year's Day
 May 29th - Memorial Day
 July 4th - Independence Day
 Sept 4th - Labor Day
 Nov 23rd - Thanksgiving Day
 Dec 25th - Christmas Day

Town of Farmington Garbage & Recycling Collection

- US Highways
- State Highways
- County Highways
- Town
- Site Addresses

Pick Up

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday

*Designated Pick-Up Days
Garbage: Weekly
Recycling: Every Other Week

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