



Town of Springvale

Newsletter
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CHANGES IN THE TOWN BOARD

After the April 6 election we have some updates to our Town Board. Our Chairman, Brian Madigan, did not run for the Chairman position because of the changes in his “regular job” duties requiring him to be on the road and frequently outside the township. Eric Hau was elected as Chairman for the next two years. But Brian is not gone from the Board. Terry Madigan decided not to run for the Board again after serving 10 years on the Board as Supervisor 2 so Brian ran for and was elected to that position. This will give him the opportunity to help Eric get “up to speed” on the duties of the Chairman.

One of the benefits of having Eric as Chairman is that he is generally in the Town and available to handle situations as they arise. Eric lives on Raube Road with his wife Stephanie and has two adult children Sierra and Sawyer. In addition, Eric has his business office on Church Road so whether the need is to help deal with a large snow storm in the winter or downed trees on the road after a storm in the summer he will be more accessible. You will find his contact information for Eric at the end of this newsletter. **Welcome aboard, Eric.**

We'd like to **express our gratitude to Terry Madigan** for his 10 years of service as a Board Supervisor. Terry was dedicated and always ready and willing to serve our community. **THANK YOU TERRY!**

ROAD WORK FOR SUMMER 2021

The Board will be doing a road review on Friday April 9 at 1:00 pm. The Board as a group will travel all the town roads and determine which ones are in the most need of attention. Then, based on the budget for roadwork for this year, they will determine which projects they want to request bids. The road review is actually an open meeting so anyone who is interested is able to follow along and discuss projects with the Board members.

ROAD DO'S AND DON'T'S:

Speaking of roads – just a reminder that as tempting as it might be to throw rocks or other debris into the ditch, please **don't do this!** Our road workers mow the ditches, but by the time they mow, the grass/weeds are covering up rocks and debris and if they inadvertently hit them with the mower it can cause considerable damage to the mower – can we say cost to fix??? So please help all of us and do not throw rocks (or anything else) into the ditches. Thanks for your consideration.

Please **do help** the Town by reporting any **road signs that are missing**. It seems at every Board meeting there is a request to replace a missing – not just knocked over - sign (stop sign, street name sign, etc.). We have noted that other local townships have been having a problem with signs being stolen as well. That creates two problems for the town: **First**, the cost of replacing the signs and the manpower to put up the new signs; **Second**, and even more important – **Safety!** So please, if you notice any missing signs, please report it to the County Sheriff's Department or to a Board member. Your vigilance could prevent an accident if a stop sign, for example, were missing. Even though we are traveling the roads and try to be on top of such issues, the watchfulness of the town residents is much appreciated.



NOTIFY YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT BEFORE BURNING!

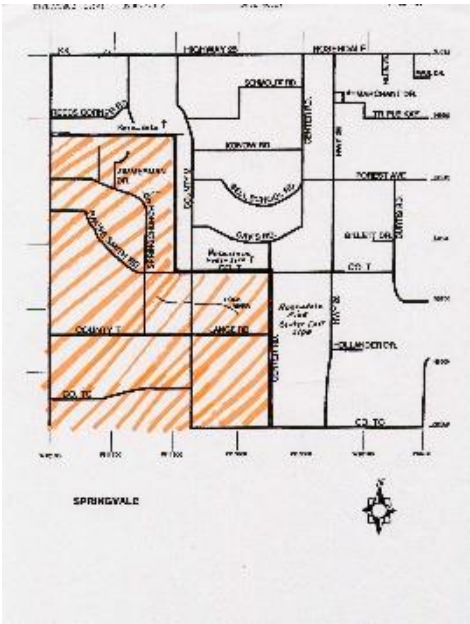
Spring is here and it is the time we are cleaning up from winter and burning brush piles, garbage, etc. Our weather has been dry as is the old grass, weeds, and left over field crops. In addition, the winds have been very gusty this spring. **Please be very careful in burning brush and leaves. CAUTION** is the keyword of the day!!

Because taxpayers are billed for a response from the fire department it is imperative that **residents notify the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department before starting a controlled burn**. That phone number is 920 929-3390-the Sheriff's non-emergency number. You do not need a permit to burn a brush pile, etc., but in this day of cell phones, often a controlled burn will be called into the Sheriff's Department as a fire out of control by a passerby. Dispatch will send the fire department out, only to discover it is a brush pile totally under control. The property owner will be billed for the call unless the Sheriff's Department had been informed of the intent to burn.

NOTE: If you have notified the fire department of the intent to burn, and then the fire gets **out of control**, make sure you **let Dispatch know the change in circumstances** when you call in to request help from the Fire Department.!

Your Fire Departments – How Do They Operate???

And do you even know which is YOUR Fire Department??



Beyond knowing that you can call 911 in a fire emergency and a fire truck will respond – do you know which direction the men and equipment come from? Do you know which Fire Department serves you?

The Town of Springvale is somewhat unique in that, in an effort to give the residents the quickest possible response in an emergency, we are served (and therefore help support) both the Rosendale and Brandon/Fairwater Volunteer Fire Departments, which are situated at opposite corners of the Town. The picture shows the “dividing lines” between the two departments. The 911 operator knows which department should respond to a particular location, so you, as a resident, do not need to worry about giving those details.

Financial support for the Departments comes from the Towns they serve, as well as fund-raisers by the Departments and Auxiliaries, and sometimes – even donations!

The Brandon Department serves the Village of Brandon, Towns of Metomen and Waupun, and part of the Town of Springvale. All the entities share operating costs on a prorated basis, with the Town of Springvale covering approximately 18% of shared expenses. The expenses include the cost and maintenance of the Firehouse, trucks and

other equipment. Costs of specific response calls are billed to the entity where the incident took place. In other words, if we have a barn fire in the Town of Springvale, the Town of Springvale will be billed for the costs directly related to that fire.

The Rosendale Fire Department serves the Village of Rosendale, Town of Rosendale, and part of the town of Springvale. As with the Brandon/Fairwater Department, all entities share the costs. The equipment and building are owned and paid for equally by all three. Some of the other operating expenses are prorated based on use, valuation or portion of entity served. As with Brandon/Fairwater, costs related to a specific incident will be billed to the entry in which the incident occurred.

Both fire departments must be commended for the amount of work on the building and the equipment that the firemen do themselves. By doing some of the work themselves, they are able to have more and better-maintained equipment, with less cost to the Town. **Thanks, guys.**



We certainly need to show our gratitude to both departments and support any fundraiser the Departments or Auxiliaries are having. The money raised is used for maintaining the Department – and it seems so much easier for me to spend that money for a breakfast at a community gathering, or a brat at the picnic, than to pay it out in taxes!

RECYCLING:

Garbage pickup is every Tuesday. Recycling is every other Tuesday. April 20th, for example is both garbage and recycling and the next recycle day would be May 4. For a printable schedule go to the Town website <https://townspringvale.com/> and click on Recycling/Garbage on the left side.

Note: Many of the trucks used for pickup have bins for both garbage and recycle on one truck

The basic rules for recycle are:

- Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
 - Clean (rinsed) & dry and replace caps`
 - Food & Beverage Cans
 - Paper
 - Flattened cardboard & paperboard
 - Cardboard pizza delivery boxes without leftovers or lines are ok but leftover crusts, cheese etc. should not be placed in recycling
 - Food & Beverage containers are not accepted
- No plastic wrap & film
- No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables
- No flexible packaging
- No cups with wax of plastic coatings
- No polystyrene foam & plastic
- No tangling items like hoses and Christmas tree lights



Doing research for this article I found the information at <https://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right/recycling-101> very helpful. .

Recycling Old Electronics:

It's the time of year for cleaning out basements, garages, and drawers and figuring out what to do with the accumulated debris. Often that includes old electronics like computers, cell phones or TVs.

While it seems easiest to toss the cell phones or old TV in the garbage bin state law bans most electronics from Wisconsin's landfills. Instead, residents can use E-Cycle Wisconsin to recycle electronics at more than 400 locations around the state.



Electronics contain valuable materials that can be recycled and reused. These materials include plastics, steel, glass and precious metals like gold and copper. Many devices also contain harmful materials such as lead, mercury, chromium and chemical flame retardants. If disposed of improperly, these pollutants can pose a risk to human and environmental health.

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Ecycle> provides a list of several businesses in Fond du Lac County that accept electronics for recycling as well as which items they will accept.

Residents may be asked to pay a fee to help cover the full cost of responsibly recycling their old electronics, especially larger, old TV's.

TOWN MEETINGS:

If you have questions and comments for the Board, the monthly board meetings are always open meetings and are posted on the website and the door of the town hall. The next scheduled Board meeting for the Town is Monday, April 19 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Also the following night, Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 the **Annual Town Electors Meeting** will be held as prescribed by State Statutes. The annual financial report will be presented and swearing in of Officers will occur. At this meeting electors have an opportunity to voice any concerns and questions they may have for the Board.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Below is the contact information you might find helpful should you have a question or a need to contact someone in our Town government. But, sometimes **we need to contact you** as well. We would greatly appreciate your help in updating our list of residents along with their phone numbers and/or email addresses. If this newsletter had the wrong name(s) for example, please let us know so we can update our lists.

But most useful for us is to have phone numbers and email addresses. With the advent of cell phones, many people have dropped their land lines and so are no longer listed in a phone book (gosh—what's that?) and it is impossible to get in touch with them if, for example their tax payment is incorrect.

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