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TOWN OF WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

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Regional Ambulance Service Funding

The Town of Washington, along with several surrounding municipalities, has contracted with the City of Eau Claire Fire Department to provide ambulance service to our residence for many years. The City of Eau Claire Fire Department provides paramedic level personnel on each ambulance run made to the Town. The Township Fire Department, Inc. provides volunteer First Responders when available to each call. State Statute requires all towns to provide this service to its residents. The Town of Washington currently pays \$5,800 yearly for this service.

Generously, the four major hospitals/clinics in Eau Claire (Mayo Health Systems, HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital, Marshfield Clinic, and Oakleaf Surgical Hospital) have subsidized approximately \$200,000 annually for the taxpayers of the municipalities utilizing this Regional Emergency Medical Service (EMS) program provided by the City of Eau Claire Fire Department. Thank you to all contributing providers!

In the next few years, however, the hospital/clinic contributions will be phased out and the regional EMS will be entirely funded by the participating municipalities. The Town of Washington's cost for this service will increase each year from the current \$5,800 to approximately \$102,662.00 in 2028. The Town, along with surrounding municipalities, have been working diligently to come up with a funding model to pay for this increase while under statutory levy limits.

The cooperation and professionalism provided by the Eau Claire and Township Fire Departments help us meet the requirements of the State Law concerning our responsibility to provide this service to our residents. Your support is definitely appreciated.

Weapons Discharge

The Town of Washington Municipal Code outlines where and what kind of weapons may be discharged in the Town. The map outlining the ordinance is available to view in our office and on our website. Go to townofwashington.org, under the Community tab click on Maps and on that page click on the Weapons Discharge Map.

Meeting Room Rental

Looking for an off-site meeting destination conveniently located next to I-94? The Town Meeting Room is available for purposes of business meetings and trainings. Please visit our webpage under the Community tab, click on Forms & Permits for more information regarding availability and rental rules and regulations or call the Town Office.

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Tax Information

The 2018 tax bills will be mailed out on or near December 12. The first installment (or full payment) is due by January 31, 2019 to the Town of Washington. Your tax payments should be mailed or brought into the Town of Washington Office at: 5750 Old Town Hall Road, Eau Claire WI 54701-8948. If you have delinquent taxes they can only be paid to the Eau Claire County Treasurer's Office.

In Person Collection Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

December 24 - Closed

December 25 - Closed

January 1 - Closed

Checks payable to: **Town of Washington**

We now accept credit card & debit card payments in-person or online. Convenience fees apply.

- Payments by check via MAIL are preferred.
- If your payment is made through an escrow account, have your bank make the check out for the exact amount when possible. Checks made out to you and the Town of Washington **must** be endorsed by payees prior to payment to the Town. If a refund needs to be made, they will be issued within 60 days from the date of payment. Refunds are not issued for amounts of \$2.00 or less.
- Checks are deposited on the date received. All returned checks will be charged a \$30 service fee.
- Receipts will be returned via mail; a self-addressed stamped envelope is appreciated.
- Do not include payment of dog licenses on the same check as your tax bill. They must be separate.

Election Information

The Town of Washington had a 79% turnout for registered voters at the November Election for a total of 4,112 votes cast. It was a very busy day with a steady stream of voters. The day ran smoothly thanks to the dedication of all our Election Inspectors. We appreciate all your work!

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Spring Primary - February 19 (if needed)

Spring Election - April 2

All Town residents vote at the Town Municipal Building. For more information on registering and voting go to www.myvote.wi.gov or our website



Winter Regulations and Reminders

The Town of Washington Road Department plows over 200 lane miles of roads after a snow fall. When possible, our drivers begin their routes in the middle of the night before commuters and school buses are on the road. However, depending on when the snow starts or stops this is not always possible. School bus routes and hills are given first priority.

If you live on a County road within the Town of Washington, your road is plowed by the County. Any concerns should be directed to the Eau Claire County Highway Department at 715-839-2952.



PARKING

- No vehicles are allowed on streets during and 24 hours after a snowfall.
- We do not have Odd/Even Parking.
- In the event of a snow emergency NO PARKING on the street for 48 hours.
- Violators will be ticketed by the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Department
- Vehicles that present an obstruction and are not removed will be towed.

PLOWING & SIDEWALKS

- Snow you remove must remain on your property. Depositing snow back onto the roadway or across the road when plowing your driveway or parking lot is not only unsafe - it is illegal.
- Snow and/or ice must be cleared from sidewalks on your property within 24 hrs. from the time snow ceases to accumulate.

REFUSE & RECYCLING

- Garbage receptacles and recycling bins are not permitted in the roadway or the cul-de-sacs at any time. These receptacles must be placed in the resident's driveway, ten feet from the edge of the blacktop road; never across the road from your residence.
- For safety reasons, plow truck drivers will not exit their truck to move these obstacles.
- The receptacles and bins are not to be left in the right-of-way other than the day of collection.

Animal Ordinances

License Requirements

All dogs (over 5 months old) are required to be licensed annually in January of each year by State law, or within 30 days of obtaining a new dog. Applications are on our website (under How Do I tab) or at the Town Office. If you no longer have a dog that was previously licensed with the Town, please let us know or you will continue to receive reminders.

Spayed/Neutered - \$10

Unaltered - \$20

(If sent with tax payment it must be a separate check)

Animal Control

Contact the Eau Claire Communication Center at 715-839-4972 if you have a complaint regarding barking, animal at large, biting, an animal being mistreated, or a vicious animal. If there is a dog or cat running at large a humane officer will not be dispatched without you first having contained (i.e. leashed, in garage, or fenced yard) the animal for pickup.



Completed Road Projects



Portion of S. Lowes Creek Road that was repaved

Our Town Road Department and contractors completed road reconstruction projects on S. Lowes Creek Road, Voight Road, Holum Road, Terre Bone Trail, and Fouser Farm Road in 2018. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during right-of-way clearing and road closures to assist us in delivering quality projects!

Tentative 2019 Road Projects

Roads to be Paved:

S. Elco Road	Claymore Lane	Raber Street
N. Elco Road (portion)	Drier Road	Marion Street
Heather Road	Conch Avenue	Dana Street



Chip Seal Projects:

Cater Road, Grey Friar, Canterbury, Joanne, Sandy Ridge, Surrey, East Shore, South Shore, Coventry Close, and Sweetwater Close

All projects are subject to bids and approval by the Town Board

Eau Claire County Highway Department Projects within the Town:

CTH D – US 53 to CTH K

Tobacco Sales

Retail clerks play a key role in decreasing youth access to tobacco by routinely carrying out the law - not allowing youth under 18 to purchase tobacco and nicotine products. Clerks are the first line of enforcement in preventing youth access to tobacco products. When kids have a hard time getting tobacco, they use less. The less tobacco our kids use, the more **Wisconsin Wins**. The Wisconsin Wins program at www.WITobaccoCheck.org is a state-level initiative aimed to decrease youth access to tobacco products using an effective mix of education and oversight.

Congratulations to the many clerks and retailers in Eau Claire County for successfully requesting and checking IDs over the past year. Thank you for not selling to our youth!



Township Fire Department

Help wanted! Volunteer fire departments all across the country are facing shortages of volunteers. Township Fire Department has not been spared from this fact and we are asking you for your help. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering at the Fire Department; check out our website at www.townshipfire.org, or stop by our Fire Station at the Washington Town Hall on the first or second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. when the station trainings and meetings are held. Just knock on the entrance door labeled Fire Department in the rear of the building and someone will let you in. We would love to answer any questions you may have, introduce you to our team of dedicated firefighters, and provide a tour of our station. People often feel they need to be rough and tough to be on a fire department, but the truth is we need dependable, safe-minded men and women who are willing to work together as a team to help others. No matter the build, tall or small, anyone can contribute something to help someone else in need. Applications can be filled out online at www.townshipfire.org or stop by the Dispatch Center at 4601 E. Hamilton Avenue in Eau Claire. Again, please feel free to stop by and talk with us or contact us directly thru our e mail at station2tfd@gmail.com.

We would like to give a big thank you to all the town residences that donated to us in 2018. We used the generous funds to purchase a new set of extrication air bags, which replaced our old set that failed during one of our trainings. These air bags are used to help remove people from a vehicle accident or from the collapse of a structure. They can lift heavy loads or separate objects to help free our patients. The air bags are a must have tool in our tool box and we are sincerely grateful for the donations and the participation in our annual Charcoal Chicken feed fundraiser.

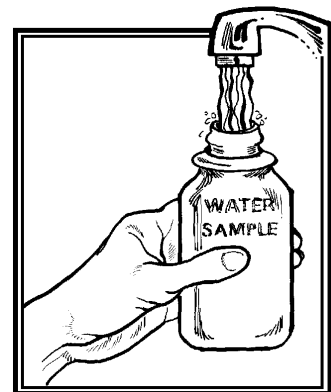
Lastly, our annual charcoal chicken feed fundraiser for 2019, will be on Sunday May 19th. We appreciate the donations from Culvers, Boxx Sanitation, General Beer Northwest, and Firehouse Subs. These sponsors have always shown us amazing support and we hope you could support them as well. More information on our fundraiser will be provided in the spring town newsletter and we hope to see you there!



Township Fire Department
www.townshipfire.org or 715-834-6868

Water Testing for Private Wells

Well checkups should be done each year or if there is a change in color, taste, or smell. You can pick up a sample bottle to test for nitrate and bacteria from the Town Office or at the Eau Claire City County Health Department. A \$36 fee is due when samples are dropped off at the Health Department. Eau Claire County families with a newborn child that live in a home served by a private well can have their water tested for bacteria and nitrate contamination at no cost. For more information contact the Health Department at 715-839-4718 or go to <http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/private/wells/disease/nitrate.html> or <http://www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us/departments/health-department/environmental-health/private-wells>





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Deputy Treasurer:	Aleta Kauffman	715-834-3257
Chairman:	Micheal Peterson	715-497-6333
Supervisors:	Jane Mueller	715-878-4058
	Bob Solberg	715-833-0919
	Michael Stacy	715-834-5665
	Karen Tomesh	715-835-4742

Town Board Meetings

3rd Thursday each month at 5:00 PM

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Office Closed

Thursday, November 22
Friday, November 23
Monday, December 24
Tuesday, December 25
Tuesday, January 1

The Town of Washington website includes: notices, cemetery information, Town road map, directory for Town Board and staff, calendar of events, agendas and minutes, voting information, forms and permits, ordinances, budget information, sign up to receive notices by email or text and more. www.townofwashington.org