



Town of Wilson News

Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

Fall 2016

Website: www.townwilson.com

**The 2017 Budget Public Hearing and Meeting
Scheduled for November 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Town of Wilson Hall, 5933 S. Business Drive**

*****We look forward to seeing you there! *****

Update from the Town Chairman

Greetings to all of our town residents! I hope you enjoyed our spectacular summer weather and are embracing the change in seasons. Now as the leaves turn color it is time to provide you with an update on the significant issues and activities in your town over the past six months.

Thanks to our many volunteers!

If I've learned one thing over that past 18 months it's that the wheels of town government would come to a screeching halt without the tremendous efforts of our many Town of Wilson volunteers. I want to offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to all of those volunteers who work tirelessly to serve our community. It might surprise you how many there are. They include our volunteer firefighters, emergency responders, plan commissioners, parks & forestry members, long range planning committee members, board of review members, wage, salary and benefits committee members, and the many other people who have volunteered behind the scenes in various capacities. It certainly takes a village to run a town.

Town Board Update:

- **Email Communication** – In an effort to improve communication with town residents we are continuing to compile a group email list to disseminate relevant news on a more frequent basis. So if you wish to be informed of important Town matters, get on the list today by calling the Town office at (920) 208-2390 to provide your email address.
- **Public Access to Board Packets** – We are also in the process of providing the general public access to board meeting packets electronically via Google Docs. This will allow you to view most of the content the town board sees prior to attending meetings or in lieu of attending meetings. We are currently testing this process and will provide more information on the Town's website when it becomes available.
- **Waste Disposal & Recycling** – The town board recently approved a resolution to place a referendum on the November 8, 2016 ballot that would allow the Town to charge a fee separate from the general tax levy to recoup some or all of the costs to deliver waste disposal services. If approved it would help ensure the continuation of this service in future years. It would also open up the option to deliver curbside pickup to all residents at a cost substantially below what individuals would pay on their own. A further referendum could then follow to determine if Town residents have an interest in having curbside pickup.

- **Parks & Conservancies** – Changes to the *Chapter 30 Public Parks, Conservancies, Cemeteries* ordinance were recently approved by the town board based on recommendations from the parks & forestry commission. The new ordinance maintains limited controlled archery hunting in Wilderness Park (Balzer Woods) and prohibits hunting in the Jerving Conservancy and Mueller Family Conservancy. The new ordinance also allows for the formation of “citizen care” committees to help maintain and improve public parks, conservancies and cemeteries.
- **20-Year Comprehensive Plan** – Land use planning is an important responsibility of your town officials and is critical to maintaining the quality of life of our town residents. Our 20-year comprehensive plan, adopted on June 20, 2007, is required to be reviewed and updated every 10 years. The town board has assembled an ad hoc committee to complete this complex task. *Bob Werner* and *Roger Miller* will co-chair the committee and *Kevin Struck* at the UW-Extension will facilitate the process. The rest of the team consists of *Jane Kettler*, *Jayne Zabrowski*, *Emily Stewart* and *Rich Ternes*. The process will be an open and inclusive one, and I encourage all those who wish to get involved to do so. Formal meetings will start this fall.
- **Transition to a Municipal Fire Department** – The town board in the process of completing the transition to a municipal fire department. The Town of Wilson currently contracts with the Black River Fire Department, which is organized as a independent corporation. This will provide several benefits. First, it will help alleviate some of the financial challenges and administrative burden the existing fire department is currently facing. Second, it will eliminate some duplication of efforts by streamlining some processes such as payroll. And finally, it will shift governance of the fire department to the Town board. This will provide more direct accountability to our Town Residents for fire protection services by giving more decision-making authority to our elected officials.
- **Kohler Golf Course** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) continues its process of evaluating the proposed Kohler golf course in the Town of Wilson. They published a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) in late June and held a public meeting on July 20. Indications are that the WDNR and Army Corp of Engineers will continue their evaluation over the winter and if permitting at the state and federal level is approved, the project will likely come to the town plan commission sometime next spring or summer. Of course this is not an official timeline, but simply an educated guess. The Town’s evaluation of Kohler’s conditional use permit (CUP) application is separate from the DNR’s EIS evaluation and permitting. The town board has retained the services three consulting firms – Ruckert-Mielke, Hey and Associates, Inc. and Leggette, Brashears & Graham – to assist in evaluating the environmental and other impacts of the proposed project within our jurisdiction. This is necessary so that we are able to make a decision that is informed and in the best interests of the Town of Wilson residents. The evaluation will be carried out by the plan commission and include a public hearing. They will then make a recommendation to the town board and the Board will make the final determination. You can stay updated on the project and access related public documents at this link. <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/EIA/Kohler.htm>

If you any questions or feedback or would like to discuss any issue in more depth, please don’t hesitate to give me a call at 254-9362.

John Ehmann
Town of Wilson

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

The Town of Wilson has approximately 40 miles of road to maintain. In efforts to make the snow season as safe as possible, we offer the following tips and information. Please remember that each storm is different so our strategy must be adjusted accordingly to achieve the best results.

The Town has contracted snow removal services with Wagner Excavating and the Sheboygan County Highway Department. Wagner Excavating is responsible for the roads East of Interstate 43 and North of County Highway V. Sheboygan County is responsible for all Town roads outside of Wagner's area. Their staffs are well-trained and dedicated to keeping the roadways open and passable. Plowing operations usually begin when there is an accumulation of two to four inches of snow on road surfaces. Sheboygan County may apply salt brine just before the snowfall occurs for increased snow removal efficiency. The main objective is to keep all roads passable during the storm. Unfortunately, it is not possible to keep the roads free of snow without filling in many driveways. When you clean the end of your driveway, deposit the excess snow on your property in the same direction that the plow travels. This will minimize the redeposit of snow into the cleared opening when the plow makes its next pass. In the days following the storm, scraping and treating the roads continues, depending upon weather forecasts. If colder weather is forecasted, streets must be scraped of snow and slush to prevent icing as the temperature drops. Directly after a storm, efforts may be made to widen the road edge for drainage if the temperature rises and melting occurs. Snow may be removed from intersections and some areas of town where sight distance and parking is a concern. Please remember:

- The town is **not** held responsible for damage to private property that is located within the public right-of-way (including mailboxes). The right-of-way is **often** 66 feet wide and is often confused by property owners as their own property.
- Shoveling, blowing or plowing snow from driveways or parking lots into town streets (including pushing snow across the street) is not only illegal, but can cause serious traffic hazards.
- Placement of stakes or posts, this includes metal, wood, plastic, fiberglass etc. along the road side edge of pavement or right of way is not allowed in the Town of Wilson. Objects placed in the R.O.W creates hazards for motorists and pedestrians, impedes efficient snow plowing operations and can cause damage to snow plowing equipment. This is consistent with Town ordinance Chapter 54, Regulations on Use of Rights of Way. Stakes or posts placed in the R.O.W will be removed by the Town's Maintenance Staff.
- Plowing into the public roadway creates unnecessary hazards for motorists and pedestrians and causes increased time and effort in clearing or re-plowing the roads. If you have a private contractor plowing your driveway, please make sure to remind them of this as you will be held responsible for their actions. This is a *safety issue* and *re-plowing is not a good use of tax dollars*.
- Please keep a safe distance around and behind the snow plowing equipment, these pieces of equipment are large and their purpose is to clear the roads and this requires backing up, traveling at reduced speeds and wide turns. Please allow ample distance between you and the equipment.

The Town has recently developed a Winter Road Management Plan, as required by our WDNR Stormwater Permit, documenting the policies and procedures for road salt application by Wagner Excavating and Sheboygan County. The goal is to avoid over-application of road salt since this can cause damage to wildlife habitat, decrease groundwater quality and does not help keep the roads clear. The WDOT State standards will be used for road salt application rates based on different pavement temperatures, weather forecasts and roadway conditions.

For questions and concerns, complaints, please contact either of the following depending on your street location. Sheboygan County at (920) 459-3822 or Wagner Excavating at (920) 458-9082

Park and Forestry Commission

Fireman's Park Renovation Fund-raising Underway!

The Town of Wilson has been granted a Sheboygan County Stewardship Grant to renovate Victor R. Gruber Memorial Fireman's Park and Jung Bell Tower Park in 2016 and 2017. The project will include a 16' x 16' picnic gazebo to be erected near the Bell Tower, picnic tables, charcoal grills, a year-round pit toilet facility, a water fountain (bubbler) and water bottle filling station, and a walking/jogging trail with fitness stations. The soccer field will be regraded and repaired and a ProControl soccer training system will be installed.

The projected total cost of the renovation will be approximately \$52,000. The Stewardship Grant will cover \$18,960. The Park & Forestry Commission must raise the balance, \$33,040, through private and corporate donations. Funds in excess of our goal will be used to upgrade the playground equipment and basketball court.

Please deposit your donations for the improvements to our wonderful parks with the Town Treasurer in the Town of Wilson office, 5935 South Business Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081.

\$5,000 Tree Planting Grant Awarded

The U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has awarded the Town of Wilson a grant of \$5,000 to purchase approximately 35 trees to plant in Schinker Creek Park. The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission approved the Town's Park & Forestry Commission's application on September 21, 2016. The grant is to mitigate tree loss due to emerald ash borer loss of ash trees. A variety of trees will be planted between September 2016 and June 2017. The Town is required to match the \$5,000 with \$1,700.

News from the Clerk

Stay Informed on Town Business!

Can't make it to the town board meetings? That is no longer an issue with our new online packets! The Town of Wilson is now having copies of the town board packets available on Google Drive for public access. Type into the search bar the shorten url address, "<http://tinyurl.com/jznbfwl>". From there, each meeting will be available for you to read, although some information may not be available due to confidentiality. The packets will be organized by date of each meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS

Any project with a value of \$250 or more a building permit is required. Interior and exterior additions, decks, porches, sheds and fences require a drawing of this area for approval by the building inspector.

Re-roofing, siding, windows, exterior doors, also require a building permit. Complete the building permit application, located on our website; townwilson.com or stop in the office to obtain the application and the permit.

Thank you! Georgene Lubach Town Clerk

2017 Election Dates:

- **February 21, 2017 – Spring Primary Election**
- **April 4, 2017 Spring Election**

Do you have voter questions? myvote.wi.gov is the website to answer all your voting questions, check your voter status, see a sample ballot, learn who your representatives are, obtain a voter registration or absentee application forms.



The Town of Wilson/Black River Fire Department was notified May 6th that they will be the recipients of a 2016 FEMA AFG (Assistance to firefighters grant) Grant of \$153,600.00 to replace the aging SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) along with the departments air compressor to fill the SCBA's and the portable Cascade system which is used to refill the air bottles at the scene. The current MSA brand SCBA units are nearing the end of their life cycle and would need to be replaced using tax payer dollars if not for the grant. FEMA states the Town must contribute 5% of the grant total which attributes to \$7314.00 with the federal Government picking up the remaining \$146,286.00. In all, 20 SCBA units and 40 air bottles were replaced. Chief Brian Schmitt along with Fire Fighter Steve Brennan and BRFD department President Kory Wendlandt wrote the grant which will be a significant savings for residents of the Town of Wilson. The fire department looked at 3 different manufactures MSA, Scott and Interspiro. Firefighters practiced with each brand and make a decision to purchase Scott Air Packs. The Department took delivery of the new SCBA's, Compressor and Cascade System in early August. All members were trained and the units being put in service by the end of August. FEMA receives hundreds of thousands of grant applications each year. In 2016 \$306,000,000.00 is available for up to 2500 awards throughout the entire US. Given the current financial status in the Town of Wilson this award will go a long way towards making future budgets easier to balance. If you have any further questions feel free to give Chief Brian Schmitt a call at 920-918-0121. Thanks!

3.02 Open Burning Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to kindle, start, or maintain a fire in the open air within the Town of Wilson, except as provided in Section 3.03. All other forms of open burning, other than those listed in Section 3.03, shall be prohibited without authorization from the Fire Chief of the Town.

Residents should contact the Fire Chief, Brian Schmitt for a burn permit at (920) 918-0121 or email at brianschmitt1020@frontier.com

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Keep your address signs clear!

A friendly reminder to please keep your municipal address sign, the blue sign at the end of your driveway, clear of shrubbery such as brush and tree limbs. This will assist in helping First Responders and Fire Departments reach the correct address and arrive sooner.

SANITARY DISTRICT NEWS

We would like to thank you for your timely payment of the quarterly sewer bills. For your ease, automatic withdrawal may also be set up on your account. ACH forms are provided online at www.townwilson.com. Feel free to contact me or stop by with any questions regarding your sewer accounts. You may also contact our field technicians for technical inquiries. Happy fall season! Mandy Tran, Sanitary District Assistant

Bank _____

Routing Number _____

Bank Account # _____

Acct Type: Checking _____ Savings _____

Your Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Property Address _____

Sanitary Acct # _____

Daytime Phone # _____

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC DEBIT (ACH debit)

*Clip the Attached ACH Form and Return to the
Sanitary District Office.*

(We) hereby authorize, Town of Wilson Sanitary District No. 1 to initiate debit entries to my (our) account indicated on the ACH entry and the financial institution named to debit the same to such account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of the United States law. I (we) understand that there will be a \$50 charge for any insufficient fund transactions.

I (we) agree that my (our) bank account will be debited between the 16th and 20th of January, April, July and October. This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Sanitary District #1 has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford Sanitary District #1 and resident's bank a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Emergency Contact Information The Sanitary District of the Town of Wilson provides 24-hour emergency service. If you experience a sewer backup or overflow or have an emergency situation regarding the Town of Wilson Sanitary District sewers, please use the following numbers:

Tom Sanville: 920-457-6554
 Otis Kiehl: 920-918-8723
 Steve Pautz: 920-946-2216

For non-emergency situations, please call the Sanitary District Office at 920-694-0088. Normal office hours are Monday and Thursday 8:30am – 12:30pm and Tuesday Noon – 3:30pm.

Sewer Bills Billing Schedule:

Service Dates	Billing Date	Due Date
January, February, March	March 31	April 30
April, May, June	June 30	July 31
July, August, September	September 30	October 31



From The Treasurer

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Need a Property Tax Receipt? Visit Wisconsin Bank & Trust's or Oostburg Bank's lobby, our on-line payment site or send a self-addressed & stamped envelope.

The teller will immediately hand you a receipt. Additionally, for those of you paying bills on-line, the Town website has an on-line payment option.

Just so you know checks left at or mailed to the Town office will be processed over the weekend after all electronic on-line or bank files are processed. Receipts will be only sent if a self-addressed & stamped envelope is included with the check.

If your escrow company pays and you want a confirmation from the Town, please e-mail me at treasurer@townwilson.com, or call 920.208.2390 Extension 302 include the property & mailing addresses. I will send you the receipt.

Rest assured everyone is working hard at getting out those Property Tax bills; we understand that many of you like to pay in December for income tax purposes. Help us by refraining from calling the office to ask when the property tax bills are being sent. The Town office is unable to answer your question because the County Treasurer's office sends the bills and the County has many moving parts to coordinate.

Payment locations are listed below.

1. Wisconsin Bank & Trust: 3220 S. Business Dr. *next to Walgreens and by Piggly Wiggly*
Hrs: M-F 9-5 Closed Noon 12/24. Open till 5 12/31
2. Oostburg Bank: 905 Center Ave, Oostburg Hrs: M-R 8:30-5, Fri 8:30-6pm open 12/31.
3. www.townwilson.com Hint: be sure to change payment method from credit card to e-check. E-check is a \$1.50. Credit card charges are much higher. Available 24 hours.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dog Licenses: Stop in or send a copy of the current rabies certificate and fee to the Treasurer - after March late fees are assessed. Currently, the fees are \$7/ea. for spayed/neutered and \$14/ea. for non. I will process these licenses every Thursday afternoon and send you your dog's tag & license.

By the way, if you keep your pet for hobby breeding, you must declare per Town ordinance Chapter 62.07.

Happy Holidays!

Check the Town Website for current up to date Town Information at - townwilson.com

- Meeting dates, Agendas and Minutes
- Ordinances and Zoning
- Forms and Contact Information
- Tax information, Election Information

KEEP THIS SHEET FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

TOWN OF WILSON MAINTENANCE / DROP OFF SITE

Rick Meyer, Maintenance Supervisor
4430 Meyer Court
Phone: (920)980-0198

Hours: Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
With the Exception of Holidays

ITEMS ACCEPTED AT THE MAINTENANCE SITE

1. **BLUE BAGGED** co-mingled recyclables/glass, plastic (numbers **one** (1) through seven (7), aluminum, steel containers (containers must be rinsed and caps removed) *MUST be bagged, no loose recyclables will be received.*
2. **CLEAR BAGGED** household garbage. *Garbage must be bagged - no loose garbage will be received.*
3. Branches or brush
4. **Newspapers** – place in BLUE bags
5. **Magazines** - place in BLUE bags
6. **Chipboard** – (cereal, cake and food mix boxes, removed any plastic insert liners) place in BLUE bags
7. **Cardboard** – Flattened – Placed Separate Cardboard Dumpster
8. Grass clippings and leaves - **UNBAGGED**
9. Small amounts of wood and lumber
10. Ranges, water heaters and other **METAL**
11. **Tires (\$3.00 per car tire / \$6.00 per truck tire / \$10.00 per tractor tire will be charged)**
12. Waste or drain oil in no larger than 2-gallon containers
13. Cooking Oil
14. Empty or dried out latex paint cans

***** GARBAGE AND RECYCLING MUST BE BAGGED *** NO BLACK BAGS ACCEPTED *** NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES Placed In Blue Bag *** CARDBOARD MUST BE FLATTENED *****

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE MAINTENANCE SITE

- 1 Aerosols, acids and bases, oil paint and related products
- 2 Air Conditioners
- 3 Dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers
- 4 Batteries and fluorescent light bulbs and fixtures
- 5 Bushes and tree stumps
- 6 Carpeting and carpet padding
- 7 Concrete, demolition materials from remodeling projects
- 8 Dishwashers
- 9 Razing, construction, renovation materials
- 10 Household hazardous waste, lawn and garden pesticides
- 11 Household furniture
- 12 Indoor or outdoor furniture
- 13 Large amounts of lumber
- 14 Mattresses, box springs, furniture, rugs, carpeting, padding
- 15 Microwave
- 16 Old gasoline or gas cans
- 17 Poisons, solvents and cleaners, thinners and varnishes
- 18 Refuse from commercial and/or industrial sites
- 19 Toilets, fiberglass or plastic sinks, tubs or washbasins
- 20 Particle board, OSB or any type of laminated wood products

If you are unsure about what is accepted and not accepted, please check before you bring the item.

E-WASTE

NOT ACCEPTED

Computers

Printers DVD

Players

VCRs

FAX Machines

Televisions

Cell phones

Telephones with LCD display

MANDATORY RECYCLING

Recycling is mandatory in the State of Wisconsin and statutes have established responsibilities for local governments relating to recycling. The Town of Wilson is required to maintain an effective recycling program for solid waste management, which includes educating its residents about the recycling law. On-going education that reminds residents about local recycling programs is essential for maintaining high recycling rates in our community.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING: Single stream recycling simply means that you can now place all of your recyclable items in a **BLUE** bag. Everything goes into a blue bag: #1 to #7 plastics, aluminum, glass, newspaper, chip board, magazines, catalogs, shredded paper, etc. This is a convenience option, it is not mandatory. There will be one recyclable item that will not be placed in a blue bag and that is **CARDBOARD**. It's been recommended to separate cardboard for placement into its own dumpster. The Town shall restrict recyclable items from being placed in our garbage containers. This is consistent with **ORDINANCE 65.02**. Please visit our website to view the entire ordinance (<http://townwilson.com/>)

RECYCLING IS A WISCONSIN STATE LAW, we will not accept garbage bags that contain recyclables inside. Town residents that have not separated their recyclables will be directed to return home and resort your items if your clear bag contains recyclable items. There is no landfill disposal costs attributed to recyclables so this will help to reduce the cost for all of us in disposal fees. The town of Wilson requires residents to place recyclables into a **BLUE BAG** and garbage items into a **CLEAR BAG, NO EXCEPTIONS**. Recycling Center Staff must be able to clearly see through your bag to insure proper disposal of solid waste. This is Wisconsin State Law and simply the right thing to do for our environment.

What is Recyclable?

ACCEPTABLE CONTAINER PRODUCTS

Aluminum Cans, Trays, and Foil

Steel & Tin Cans (Food Cans ONLY)

Glass Jars - Clear, Green, and Brown

#1 Plastic – Soda and Water Beverage Bottles, Peanut Butter Jars - PETE

#2 Plastic – Milk & Juice Jugs, Detergent Bottles, Yogurt Cups - HDPE

#3 Plastic – **NARROW NECK CONTAINER ONLY**. Water Bottles, Liquid Detergent, Household Cleaners.

#4 Plastic – Margarine Tubs, frozen dessert cups, 6 pk, 12 pk rings, food storage containers – LDPE

#5 Plastic – Yogurt Cups, narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles – PP

#7 Plastic – Plastic Narrow Neck Containers ONLY



Ceramics

Light Bulbs

Drinking Glasses

No Caps or Lids

Unacceptable Container Products (place in trash)

Plastic Toys

Window or Auto Glass

Plastic Bags, Aluminum Foil

Flower Pots (without recycle logo)



ACCEPTABLE PAPER PRODUCTS

Newspapers including inserts

Cardboard

Brown Paper Bags

Shredded Paper

Magazines, Catalogs, Phonebooks

Office, Computer, Notebook

Chipboard (cereal, cake and food mix boxes, any plastic liners removed)

Carrier Stock (Soda & Beer Carrying Cases)

Junk Mail & Envelopes (including window envelopes)

Paperback Books (hard cover with front and backs removed)



Unacceptable Container Products (place in trash)

Styrofoam

Tissue Products/Paper Toweling

Dairy Carton Boxes

Contaminated Frozen Food Boxes

Pizza Boxes or Carryout Wrappers

Contaminated Paper

Holiday Wrapping Paper