



Town of Black Wolf Spring Newsletter

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380 E. Black Wolf Avenue, Oshkosh WI 54902

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<http://www.Bringit.wi.gov>
Learn about Wisconsin's Voter Photo ID Law

<https://myvote.wi.gov>
Attention Voters: Your complete informational site for voters. Includes links to register, change address, update your voter file or request absentee ballot. Full updates on candidate information and so much more.

2016 Election News & Information

Photo ID Requirement

Wisconsin voters must present photo identification in order to cast a ballot for the April 5th primary and subsequent voting. Information on the new Wisconsin Voter Photo ID Law can be found at:

<http://www.Bringit.wi.gov>

Absentee Ballot Voting and Requests

Information pertaining to absentee ballot voting can be found at <https://myvote.wi.gov>. The site provides access to your voter registration information which can and should be viewed for accuracy. Simply click on the link and select a voter category to proceed. The site is very user friendly and can answer most, if not all of your questions.

Timeline of Events for Black Wolf Voters

- March 21st** - In-office absentee voting begins for April 5th Election
- April 5th** - Presidential preference & Spring Election
- July 25th** - In-office absentee voting for August 9th Partisan Primary
- August 9th** - Partisan Primary
- October 24th** - In-office absentee voting for November 8, 2016 Election
- November 8th** - **GENERAL ELECTION!!!**

ABSENTEE VOTERS: The cut-off for obtaining an absentee ballot is the Friday *before* the election.

VOTERS: The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close promptly at 8:00 p.m. Please be certain to come with photo identification.

2016 Spring Election General Information



The Government Accountability Board, Elections webpage contains general information about the 2016 upcoming and past Wisconsin state elections, including special and recall elections. Please click on the following link for more information

<http://www.gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/elections>

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Town Board Meetings

Held the 2nd Monday of each month at the town hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Agendas and minutes are posted on the website. Minutes are not posted until approved the following month.

Planning & Zoning Meetings

Held the 1st Monday of each month at the town hall. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Agendas and minutes are posted on the website.

Stormwater Utility District

Held the 3rd Monday, bi-monthly at 6:00 p.m.

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UW Oshkosh Environmental Research Innovation Center (ERIC)

In light of the current events in Flint Michigan, many people throughout the United States have questions regarding their water quality and how to go about testing for bacteria, arsenic, hardness, and so much more.

The Town has obtained Homeowner's Water Test Packages from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Environment Research Innovation Center. The test packages are free to residents although there is a fee to have the testing completed.

Interested parties can pick-up a kit at the Town Hall, complete the form, collect your water samples as directed and bring everything to the UW Oshkosh ERIC Lab, 800 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh within 20 hours from collection (on Friday's by appointment only). There is a nominal fee to have your water tested. For questions, please contact the UWO ERIC Lab at (920) 424-3148, email: eric@uwosh.edu or you are welcome to visit their website for more details: www.uwosh.edu/eric.

Keep Your Lawn Green and the Water Blue

Using too much fertilizer and other lawn care products can cause water pollution. The same rain that helps turn your lawn green can also wash excess fertilizers, pesticides, and other pollutants into the nearest creek, turning the water green, or worse. Much of it makes its way downstream through our roadside ditches to downstream lakes. To help prevent pollution, have your soil tested to determine how much fertilizer you really need. Use lawn care products as instructed on the product labels. Less is always more when it comes to water quality.

Fertilizer is a pollutant when it is washed off lawns and gardens into streams, rivers and other bodies of water. Fertilizer consists of plant nutrients that help plants grow and reproduce. In the water, these nutrients feed naturally occurring algae and can lead to massive algae blooms, particularly during the warm summer months. An algae bloom is an explosion in the algae population that turns the water green, shutting out sunlight needed by bottom-growing plants and leading to oxygen depletion that kills fish and other aquatic creatures.

This season, please try applying no more fertilizer than can actually be used by your lawn and the plants you are tending. Here are some practical tips which will limit the amount of fertilizer available to be washed into roadside ditches and downstream lakes and streams.

- Have your soil tested. Then apply only the kinds and amounts of nutrients that your grass and plants need.
- Once your soil has been tested, follow the instructions that come with commercial fertilizer to make sure you apply the right amount.
- Apply fertilizer in the fall when it is most beneficial to cool season

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Important Phone Numbers:

Advanced Disposal
1-800-688-4285

Black Wolf Sanitary District
(920) 233-2901

Bowmar Appraisal Specialist
(920) 733-5369

Diggers Hotline
800-242-8511 or 811

DNR (local office)
(920) 424-3050

Land & Water Conservation
(920) 232-1950

Nekimi Town Hall (Rental)
(920) 426-5811

Oshkosh Humane Society
(920) 424-2128

Van Dyne Post Office
(920) 688-5566

Winnebago County Clerk
(920) 236-4888

grasses and least likely to end up in runoff.

- Avoid leaving fertilizer on hard surfaces such as sidewalks and driveways where they are most likely to be washed into a storm ditch, where it will end up in a stream. Sweep fertilizer off hard surfaces onto the lawn or into the garden.
- If possible, avoid applying fertilizer just before a rain storm.

Tax Season Precautions *from the Community Program Coordinator, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office*



The Community Programs Coordinator from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office provides residents with ways to be safe and secure with their personal information this tax season.

- Keep an eye on your mailbox as it can be a goldmine for thieves.
- Do **NOT** put outgoing mail in your mailbox, especially any piece of mail that would include your personal information.
- Shred all documents you will be throwing away.
- If you are filing your taxes online, be sure that you are using a reputable and secure website.
- Be cautious of who helps you prepare your taxes. Make sure they are trustworthy and credible.
- **Don't fall for scams** and keep in mind, you only need to file your taxes. The IRS **will not call and threaten you** over the phone and ask for personal information or immediate payment.
- Think twice about opening emails from unknown and unfamiliar sources. Phishing scams are very popular and some can gain access to your information by you just opening a link in an email.

Points to Remember from the Constable

- ✚ Have all of your pets vaccinated for rabies. (Town Ordinance)
- ✚ License your dog(s). (Town Ordinance and State Law)
- ✚ No premises shall harbor more than (3) dogs. (Town Ordinance)
- ✚ The above laws will be enforced – violators will be cited \$50 per ordinance.
- ✚ If you take your pet or any other to the Humane Society, any fees are your responsibility.
- ✚ Please do not attempt to capture any stray animals.
- ✚ Call the Constable about any domestic strays.
- ✚ Call the DNR about any undomesticated animal matters.
- ✚ Any domestic animal off the premises not under the owners control will be considered running at large. (State Law and Town Ordinance)
- ✚ Please attach your pet's tags to the collar at all times.
- ✚ Should the Constable take your pet to the Humane Society, any fees will be the owner's responsibility.

Winnebago County Health Dept.
(920) 232-3020

Winnebago County Treasurer
(920) 236-4777

Winnebago County Zoning
(920) 232-3340

Wisconsin Public Service
800-450-7260

- ✚ It is very important to understand that if a person is bitten and the dog has no identification and the owner cannot be immediately located, a rabies decision must be made.
- ✚ Ordinance for licensing dogs and regulations of dogs and animals in the town of Black Wolf can be found on the website or at the town hall.

SNOWPLOWING POLICY

The plow trucks and valued part-time drivers are nearing the end of another season but there are a few important reminders that we once again ask you to please take note of:

The town crews will remove snow from all Town roads as well as from private roads that qualify under the following conditions:

- There must be at least three (3) permanent and inhabited residences served by the private road.
- A private road must be maintained, at the owner's expense, in such a fashion as to not cause damage to the Town snow removal vehicle.
- Brush, trees, low-hanging wires, signposts and mailboxes must not interfere with plow access.
- A private road must have a road bed sufficient to support the Town vehicle and an area large enough to turn the vehicle around without damage to the vehicle or surrounding property.
- Private roads are plowed under the conditions stated above as a service to the residents for the fire and emergency protection.
- Private roads are NOT salted, sanded, signed or maintained by the Town.
- Private roads or driveways with two or less residents are not plowed by the Town.
- Gravel roads are not plowed until there is sufficient frost to prevent damage by the plow.
- Repair of damage caused by snow removal such as gravel in lawns or damage to sod along a road, is the responsibility of the property owner.
- Residents who live on private roads should put out light weight yard markers. The drivers need to push the snow as wide as possible to make room for new snowfall but yard markers will indicate to the driver to hold back.
- Town roads and private roads East of Hwy 45 and some private roads west of Hwy 45 are plowed by the small with town truck.
- Town roads west of Hwy 45 are plowed by the large orange town truck.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** – snowplow or blow snow onto the roadways or across the road into the ditches.

Your license to
excitement!



Wisconsin Towns Association

“Town”: A “Town” is a form of local government. A “township” is a geographic surveyor’s unit measuring six by six miles square. Many towns, but far from all, have roughly the dimensions of a township.

Citizens: 1,709,491 Wisconsinites live in a town, or 30.1% of the state’s population.

To read more interesting *Town Quick Facts*, simply click on the link <http://www.wisctowns.com/about-towns>



The DNR has a new system that will be launched in March and it’s making getting out into the great outdoors a whole lot easier! Look at some of the terrific opportunities coming this spring:

- A new system called “Go Wild” will offer quick references to information about recreational opportunities throughout Wisconsin.
- Go Wild secures your license and registration information online and makes it accessible when you need it, where you need it!
- The transitioning between the old system and new began February 16, 2016 so from now until Go Wild is activated, all licensing purchases will need to be made at a DNR Service Center or through customer service at 1-888-936-7463.
- **WHEN THE GO WILD SYSTEM IS ACTIVATED, YOU WILL HAVE FULL ACCESS TO ONLINE PURCHASING AND SALES AT MORE THAN 1,000 DNR LICENSE SALES VENDORS STATEWIDE.**
- Licenses: New licenses for 2016 – 2017 go on sale in March but the license you purchased last year is good through March 31, 2016.

To learn more, please visit GoWild.WI.gov.

To receive a hard copy of this newsletter, please contact the office!

