

Town of Buffalo

Marquette County, Wisconsin
2008 Annual Newsletter

Town of Buffalo: Community Picnic at John Muir Park

Save the date: Saturday, Aug 9th, (rain date Sunday, Aug 10th 2008). The Town is reinstating the "annual town picnic". Join your neighbors for an old fashioned potluck, games, card playing, conversation, and a musical "jam session". A special focus will be put on hearing stories from those who attended the old one room schools in the township. This will be a great time to tell stories, honor traditions and welcome new residents to the community. The picnic will start at Noon and last until the last person leaves. Bring your favorite dish to share and other special foods your family likes, plenty of liquids, plates, cups and utensils. Also consider bringing musical instruments, games, lawn chairs. Picnic blankets, canoes or kayaks, your favorite deck of cards, sun screen and bug spray. Let's build a strong community, meet new people and have a great day together.

Thank you ... thank you...

To everyone who helped out this winter with shoveling and snow blowing.

To everyone who helped clean up the Recycle Center in April.

To everyone who created the beautiful flower garden and grass in front of the Town Hall.

We could not do without your help and support!

Subdivision/Land Division Ordinance

Effective March 16, 2005. The ordinance establishes requirements for **any division of land** in the Town of Buffalo. Information and applications for land divisions and subdivisions are available from Donna Seddon, Town Clerk, or on our web site.

Building Permits

Building permits are required for new buildings and additions. Permits must be obtained from the Town before County Permits can be obtained. Building permits can be purchased at Woods and Goods, N1629 State Rd 22, (608) 297-7692. Fines can be issued against those who do not obtain a building permit. Uniform Building Code permits are also required by state law. These are available through the Marquette County Zoning Office.

Highway 22 Wayside

The Town turned over the wayside to the County. It opened May 3rd for the 1st time in two years. It should stay open until after fall hunting.

Dates to Remember

- Land Use Planning Commission Meetings are convened as needed. Check notification on the website or at the town hall or recycle center.
- Town Board meetings are normally held the 2nd Monday of the month beginning at 7 pm. (Check the web site, newspaper or notice at the recycle center to verify.

Dog Licenses and Kennel Licenses If you have a dog within the Town of Buffalo, you are required to get a dog license or a Kennel License (4 or more dogs) prior to April 1 of each year. Please contact Jean Rataczak, Treasurer.

Recycling Center

The Recycling Center is regularly open on Saturdays from 8 am to 12 pm. Summer Wednesday evening hours from 5 to 8 pm began May 7, 2008 and will end in the fall. Please separate aluminum cans from your other recyclables as the Town receives additional revenue.

Please drop off garbage, large items or recyclables only during posted hours.

Large Item Collection: Watch for Notices

A small fee will be charged to cover handling cost for all Large Items.

Hazard Materials Clean Sweep is at the Marquette County Highway shop on Saturday, June 7th, 2008.

Contact Information for Board Members

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of the board members listed below. You can also reach us via our website <http://www.tn.buffalo.wi.gov>

Town Board

Fred Wollenburg, Chairman	(608) 429-4169
Jan Banicki, Supervisor	(608) 297-7013
Mary-Anne Raab, Supervisor	(608) 429-4081
Jean Rataczak, Treasurer	(608) 297-2391
Donna Seddon, Clerk	(608) 297-7939

Planning Commission

Fred Wollenburg, Chair	(608) 429-4169
Jan Banicki, Supervisor	(608) 297-7013
Charlie Church	(608) 297-2082
David Rieckmann	(608) 429-4026
Wesley Buss	(608) 429-4224

Assessor:

Associated Appraisal

1314 W College Ave. Appleton, WI 54912

1-920-749-1995, info@apraz.com

OPEN BOOK: July 17th 4-6 pm at the Town Hall.

You may examine your assessment of taxes on your property and improvements for 2007 and meet with a representative of Associated Appraisal. If you have built a new home or an addition, the assessor should have contacted you at least 15 days before Open Book. If you are not satisfied with your assessment after Open Book, you can schedule an appointment for the Board of Review. You are required to fill out a form (available at Open Book) and submit your argument and documentation at least 48 hours before the Board of Review.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Aug 5th 6-8 pm at the Town Hall

Building a Strong Community

Buffalo Township residents who want to actively support their community can participate in the following ways:

- **Adopt a Road-Pick up trash along your roadway.** Many of us already do this, but more people could get involved so that those areas not “cared for” could be. If you intend to pick up trash along any specific road **on a regular basis** or if you wish to have an area assigned to you/your family you may want to consider formal adoption of highway section through the DOT. The township can assist with this application process if you wish. Participants in this program will be honored at the Annual Meeting.
- **Recycling Center Support-** When you are at the recycle center, **be observant and help** with the following :
Assure that only paper products get into the paper bin, **Metal products, small appliances, scrap parts should go in the heavy trash pickup corner.** Aluminum cans should be separated out and put into the designated container.

Buffalo Township also recycles batteries, of all types, florescent tubes, compact bulbs, and smoke detectors. All of these contain hazardous components. Please leave these items with the attendant. (Dorothy).

Public Library: Buffalo Township residents are members of the East Central Library Consortium. Each public library has computers available free for public use. Even if you have never used a computer you can learn at the library. All of the township ordinances, meeting minutes, and schedules are available on the internet, plus much more.

Burn Barrels

According to the DNR we may burn only the materials that are allowed to be open burned--namely, leaves, plant clippings, paper, cardboard and clean, untreated wood. Burn barrels operate at low temperatures (400-500 degrees F), resulting in incomplete combustion of the wastes being burned. Burning prohibited materials--such as plastics, asphalt, rubber and other man-made materials—generates hazardous air pollutants)

Instead of burning consider: Recycling newspaper, office paper, cardboard, corrugated cardboard, magazines, aluminum, metal and acceptable plastics. (Free at the recycle center.) Composting leaves & plant clippings. Chipping brush and clean wood to make mulch or decorative chips, or use it as heating fuel in wood stoves or boilers. www.wdnr.gov/

ZONING: BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN

The Township is holding informational meetings for all citizens of Buffalo Township related to zoning. There will be a zoning referendum on the September ballot. Now is the time to get a better understanding of zoning and what it might mean or not mean to Buffalo Township. This important tool is often misunderstood. Confusion occurs between understanding what the Land Use Plan Ordinances govern and those uses determined by Zoning Ordinances. Clarification and public input is needed to assure citizen understanding of these differences, and to clarify the authority of the Town Board regarding issues related to zoning. Effective zoning is critical to maintaining a Township environment that reflects the land use plan. Be an informed citizen, attend these informational meetings, ask questions, clarify your understanding, Your opinion will guide the community representatives. Take the time to assure that you are knowledgeable. Your input will benefit you and all citizens of the township not just for this year but for many years to come. The first meeting will be held Wednesday May 28th at 6 P.M. at the Buffalo Town Hall.

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