

Town of Buffalo Marquette County Wisconsin

The Boyhood Home of John Muir

December 2007

We would like to update you on several items and topics that concern residents of our township.

FIRE SIGNS: In 2006 the Town began installing two sided signs or flag signs at all fire sign locations to aid emergency response personnel. It took two years to replace all the old fire signs. This year you will find a special assessment on your 2007 real property tax bill for \$50 for the new fire sign. If you have a fire sign that is located where no buildings now exist, you can retire the fire sign by contacting the Town Treasurer, Jean Rataczak. You will still be charged for the new sign that was installed.

RUSTIC ROAD: County Rd O to 14th Rd South to CM/Berry Rd in the Town is the 1st road to be approved as a Rustic Road in Marquette County. Rustic Road #104 Signs will go up in the spring. This road designation changes the speed limit to 45 mph and limits the cutting of trees and vegetation so as to preserve its natural beauty.

HWY 22 WAYSIDE: The Township rights to the wayside have been turned over to Marquette County. The wayside will be opened in the spring with regular mowing, dead trees removed, and portable toilets. It has taken two years of red tape to get the wayside out of the hands of the State, who closed it.

TOWN ZONING: The Land Use Planning Commission and the Town Board will be conducting meetings throughout 2008 to establish zoning within our Town. Zoning will primarily be what exists now, and the Land Use Plan which Ordinance #8 uses as a design for the future. Please plan to attend the meetings if you are interested in the future of the Town.

COUNTY ZONING: The Town Board will have a referendum on this issue some time in 2008; the referendum will ask if you want to subscribe to County Zoning.

We are not currently a part of County Zoning although a portion of your taxes already pays for County Zoning. In other words, we are paying for County Zoning whether we subscribe to it or not. Subscribing would not increase your taxes.

We currently have ordinances that regulate the Town and we will be setting up Town Zoning this year. In order to enforce our ordinances and Town zoning we will be hiring a lawyer and paying legal fees to prosecute those people that are violating Town ordinances. This will mean an increase in your taxes to pay for the legal fees.

If we subscribe to County Zoning, the County will use the taxes we already pay to prosecute offenders. By subscribing to County Zoning, we will not be losing control of our Town since the Town will set up the Town Zoning Ordinances that are to be enforced. The Town will continue

to regulate and control the Land Use Plan, Parcel designation, and the Town continues to be responsible for approving building permits and will give input to the County on requests for variances. Prosecution of offenders will be done through the County.

BOARD MEETINGS: The Town holds its board meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. The public is always welcome to attend. Meeting notices are published in the Marquette County Tribune and posted at the Town Hall, Recycling Center, and at Woods and Goods. You can also have meeting notices emailed to you by contacting the Town Clerk at townshipofbuffalo@yahoo.com. The Town Board welcomes all questions and comments. Our contact information can be found below.

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BUILDING PERMITS & UNIFORM DWELLING CODE

(UDC) PERMIT: Building permits are to be obtained prior to the start of construction. Building permits can be obtained at Woods and Goods on Highway 22 during their regular hours. After you receive your building permit from the Town of Buffalo, you will need to take it with you to apply for a Uniform Dwelling Code Permit from the County. Your building project will then be inspected at several stages by the firm the county hired to comply with State requirements.

RECYCLING CENTER: The Recycling Center is collecting bagged garbage, co-mingled recyclables, paper, and cardboard. The Recycling Center is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to Noon. It is also open on Wednesday evenings during the summer months from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. The fee is still \$1 per bag of garbage. Recyclables are free. The next Large Item Pickup will be in the spring of 2008— Watch for the notice at the Recycle Center.

Be a good neighbor. *Please be considerate enough to make the effort to drop off your garbage during regular hours. Leaving garbage outside the fence leaves a mess for others to pick up as animals get into the garbage and scatter it. The Town does not make money from garbage. It is a convenience for residents.*

PAY TO: TOWN OF BUFFALO

**Mail to: TOWN OF BUFFALO
PO BOX 146
MONTELLO, WI. 53949**

There will be no collection day this year. All tax payments must be mailed.

NO CASH PLEASE. If you want a receipt, please enclose the bottom part of your tax bill along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. No receipt will be sent unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

DECEMBER 2007 PAYMENT-- Your payment must be postmarked by December 31, 2007.

INSTALLMENT PLAN—1st Installment -- due on or before January 31, 2008 payable to the Town of Buffalo,
PO Box 146, Montello, WI. 53949
2nd installment-- due July 31, 2008 payable to Marquette County Treasurer,
PO Box 186, Montello, WI. 53949.

BE SURE to pay the entire first installment. If less than the full first installment is paid, then the entire amount will be delinquent and you will be charged interest and penalty. So please read your tax bill correctly. If your financial institution is making your tax payment, PLEASE HAVE THEM SEND THE EXACT AMOUNT OF THE TAX DUE. Any questions regarding the 1st installment should be directed to Jean Rataczak, Town Treasurer at (608) 297-2391. Any questions, regarding the 2nd installment, should be addressed to the County Treasurer, Diana Campbell at (608) 297-9136, ext. 3032.

CREDIT CARD--You may also pay your January taxes by credit card at our website <http://www.tn.buffalo.wi.gov>. Credit cards are not accepted in person. Any questions regarding credit card payment should be directed to Jean Rataczak, Town Treasurer at (608) 297-2391. A convenience fee will be charged.

Personal Property Taxes are due in full on or before January 31, 2008. This is shown on your tax bill. Personal property taxes are payable to the Township of Buffalo Treasurer. Any questions regarding them should be directed to Jean Rataczak, Town Treasurer at (608) 297-2391.

Lottery credits are shown on your tax bill, and are available to those who used their home as their primary residence on January 1, 2007. If you do not have a lottery credit on your bill and feel that you should, please contact the County Treasurer.



DOG LICENSES: If you have a dog within the Town of Buffalo, you are required to get a dog license. State Law requires that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies within 30 days of reaching four months of age, and future protection kept current. You must fill out the affidavit below and return it with a check for the correct amount by April 1, 2008. NO CASH PLEASE. ***Please include a self addressed stamped envelope to return license.***

KENNEL LICENSE: (homes with pets exceeding 4 dogs) \$35.00 for up to 12 dogs. \$3.00 per dog over 12. You are required to contact the County Health Department at (608) 297-9116 for an inspection **PRIOR** to applying for a kennel license. ***Please include a self addressed stamped envelope to return license.***

No license will be issued without proof of vaccination and affidavit below.

Please complete all items below.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

If you rent, name of owner: _____

Address: _____

Name of vet or clinic _____ Rabies Tag # _____

	Name	Color	Breed	Date of Rabies Shot	Expiration
Neutered Male(s) \$3.00 each					
Unneutered Male(s) \$8.00 each					
Spayed Female(s) \$3.00 each					
Unspayed Female(s) \$8.00 each					

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of all dogs owned or harbored by me subject to Chapter 174 of the Wisconsin Statutes and all information given with this statement is true and correct.

Date: _____

Signature: _____