

Town of Buffalo

Marquette County, Wisconsin

The Boyhood Home of John Muir

<http://www.tn.buffalo.wi.gov/>

Newsletter – Spring 2007

New Emergency Fire Number Signs

The new Emergency Fire Number signs are installed. The new signs were installed at the request of our emergency services providers to enhance public safety.

The old signs have been left on your property. You may keep them or dispose of them at the Town Recycling Center for no charge.

There will be a \$50.00 surcharge per location that will be added to your property tax bill to pay for the installation of the signs. If you have questions contact a member of the Town Board.

Noxious Weed Notice:

Every person is required by state law to destroy Purple Loosestrife, Buckthorn, Canada thistle, leafy spurge and field bindweed (creeping Jenny) on land in the Town of Buffalo, Marquette County, Wisconsin, owned, operated or controlled by that person.

Subdivision/Land Division Ordinance

Became effective March 16, 2005. The new 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.

Health & Sanitation Ordinance (Junk Vehicles)

Became effective March 16, 2005. The new ordinance prohibits accumulation of 4 or more junk, unlicensed vehicles without a permit issued by the Town. Junk vehicles must be effectively screened from public view within a properly and fully installed and maintained building.

Dates to Remember

- 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.)

Tomorrow's Home Foundation was formed in 2000 to assist disabled persons in the purchase of a modular home; provide emergency assistance grants to provide critical repairs; and create a method and mode for disposing of old, uninhabitable mobile homes. Their web

site is <http://www.tomorrowshomefoundation.org/> or contact Donna Seddon at (608) 297-7939 for phone numbers.

Recycling Center

The Recycling Center is open on Saturdays from 8 am to 12 pm. beginning April 26, 2007; the Center will open Wednesday evenings from 5 to 8 pm.

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

Separate aluminum cans from your other recyclables as the Town receives additional revenue. We also recycle cell phones and batteries, which may be brought either to the Recycling Center or Woods N Goods.

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
Maryann Robb	(608) 429-4081
Jean Rataczak, Treasurer	(608) 297-2391
Donna Seddon, Clerk	(920) 394-3732

Planning Commission

Fred Wollenburg, Chair	(608) 429-4169
Jan Banicki, Supervisor	(608) 297-7013
Charlie Church, Secretary	(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

Did You Know? Habitat for Humanity is alive and well in Marquette Co. and building a house in Westfield. This all volunteer organization builds homes for people currently living in sub standard housing. Applicants participate in the building of the home and pay for their new home with arranged low interest loans. For information or to volunteer contact:
Greg Pyer at (608) 296-1323

Residents of Buffalo Township:

Building a Strong Community Wish List

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.
- **Beautification Projects:** Plant and maintain flowers around the Town Hall.
- **Attack of the “Killer Garlic Mustard.”** *(As of this date, several rural communities have been overrun by this evil weed.)*
 - Do what you can to help pull out/dig these destructive plants. Remember to bag them as garlic mustard will seed out after you pull it. Why not organize a “weed destroying” party this summer.
- **Public Library:** Buffalo Township residents are members of the East Central Library Consortium. Each public library has computers available free for public use. They also have helpful people to get you started and help you find what you need. 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.
- **Out building maintenance :** The town outbuilding is in need of some paint and repair prior to the next election.

• **Things to think about:**

A burning barrel is a rural tradition...but in the “old days” we didn’t have so many toxic things to burn like plastics and Styrofoam. We also now know that there is an increase in cancer, asthma, and respiratory diseases due to pollutants in the air.. Burning contributes to these diseases. So... it might have been OK when we didn’t have that information but now that we do, we might want to reconsider. We all want healthy, safe, air for our children to breath. To read about “burning and health effects” see the WDNR web site. www.wdnr.gov/

(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 and plant clippings. **Chipping** brush and clean wood to make mulch or decorative chips, or use it as heating fuel in wood stoves or boilers.