

**Spring
2018**

Town of Medary Newsletter

SPRING 2018

Town Hall Hours

Tuesdays:

8 am – 11 am

Thursdays:

3 pm – 6 pm

Fridays:

8 am – 11 am

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Message from the Chair

Welcoming Spring!

The Town of Medary is in full transition from winter to spring; while there is still time for another snow fall, I am always energized as the days get longer and the eventual greyness of winter fades and the new green growth slowly emerges.

As a note to everyone, the Spring Road Tour will occur on Saturday, April 7th. I know everyone gets anxious to have the sand removed from the roads, so following our road tour; we will get on the list for sweeping! Additionally, the Town of Medary Spring Large Item Pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st; as a reminder, there is a fee now for mattresses, so if you are disposing of any mattresses, box springs, futon mattresses etc, there will be a \$15.00 charge per item.

Finally, just some friendly reminders for all Town of Medary residents:

- When we begin road improvements this spring/summer, in an effort to maintain our safe roadways, we typically receive several phone calls regarding concerns that "our lawn was torn up". The town is very appreciative of all Medary residents who maintain their yards/landscape; although, keep in mind, the Town has a "right of way" and this is defined as 33 feet from the center line into every yard within the Medary Township. Accordingly, to provide for road maintenance and improvements, residents can certainly "maintain" their yards to the edge of the road, but please know; the Town typically needs to shave down the shoulders to assist with water drainage. Other townships use a gravel shoulders off town roads, again, 33 feet from the centerline, which we'd rather not do. We appreciate the beautiful yards in Medary, but shoulder maintenance is necessary.
- To further discuss the shoulder of the roads, during the winter months, the snow plows do pull up some grass that grows along the shoulder of our roads. As this grass build-up accumulates, the shoulders of the road become "higher" than the grade of our roads. Consequently, the Town of Medary will not "fix" the grass that is shaved down by the snow plow; this is within the Town Right of Way. As previously mentioned, the shoulders need to be "shaved down", to allow for water to flow off the roads and into the

grass. Again, as a reminder, the "Town Right of Way" is 33 feet from the center line of each roadway. (if residents measure this, they will be quite surprised, as many yards have beautiful landscaping within the Town "right of way") Again, it is not our intent to disrupt your landscaping, but the edge of your lawn could be "shaved down" due to snow plow and also shoulder maintenance to allow for improved water drainage.

- Tree trimming is typically completed spring to fall; trees that have branches leaning onto the town "right of way", will be clipped/trimmed. Also, corners/intersections that have shrubs and or prairie grasses that obscure the view for oncoming traffic will also be cut back. Again, per the Town's "right of way" policy and to maintain safety for all vehicles traveling on our roadways.
- Driveway culverts are the responsibility of each homeowner, if you notice blockage, please clean out your culvert to allow for proper drainage. If water can't flow through a culvert and pools up to and along the road, this can be very damaging to the Town of Medary roadways. Please check and maintain your culverts. Additionally, if you need to replace your culvert, please make sure you have a copy of the Town's Culvert Ordinance, this provides the specific size, corrugated metal, and aprons as necessary.
- Finally, effective March 31, 2018, the Town of Medary will have fire protection coverage from the La Crosse Fire Department; the only exception will be for the Medary residents living on the bluff, residents on the bluff will still be serviced by the Town of Shelby Fire Department. Accordingly, when you request a Burning Permit, please note the phone calls to the fire department will be either La Crosse or Shelby, but no longer Onalaska. Phone calls must be made before the burn and also when the burn has ended.

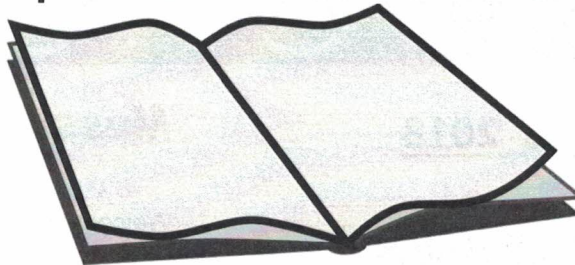
Enjoy a heathy and safe spring and summer,

Linda Seidel, Chairperson
Town of Medary

New Web Site

Finally, our web site is up. You can go to www.townofmedary.com to reach it. Minutes, agendas, and notices are updated regularly. Also, the Facebook page is updated with dates and reminders.

Open Book and Board of Review



Town Assessor Heather Wolf will be at Town Hall for Open Book on Thursday, May 3, 2018, from 3-5 pm. The Board of Review date is set for Thursday, May 17, 2018, from 4-6 pm.

2018 Election Days

Fall Partisan Primary – August 14

Fall General Election – November 6

Large-Item Pickup Day

Mark your calendars for the next Large-Item Pickup Day on April 21, 2018, at the Town Hall from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. But remember: If all available dumpsters are filled prior to the 12:30 pm closing time, we will not accept your items.

- If you burn without a burn permit, you will be charged for a fire call.

Building Inspector

Remember, after you have your La Crosse County Zoning permit, you need to contact the Building Inspector, Marvin Horman, for Medary building permits if you are planning on doing new construction, remodeling or excavation. If you have any questions, you can reach him at 783-2052.

Burning Permits

Burning permits are for 5 DAYS ONLY!

Remember you must get your permit before you burn, from the Town Hall during business hours, a Board member or from one of the following:

Shirley Holman on Pralle Road
Onalaska area 783-2890

Randy Dewhirst on Timbercrest Drive
East Onalaska area 781-7343

Patricia Stein on Wolf Ridge Court
County Rd B area 781-8977

Bob Skemp on Potato Ridge Road
Top of Ridge area 782-2127

- We encourage you to burn your brush/yard waste during the winter months when there is a snow cover.
- Both the La Crosse and Shelby fire departments advise not to create a huge fire, but a smaller one that can be fed from a larger pile.
- Also, remember to call the non-emergency number on the upper right corner of the permit before and after you burn. Make sure your fires are out before you call when finished burning!

Recycling Information

Recycling pickup service is done by Harter's every Thursday unless indicated on the calendar in the Recycler. All plastic containers with numbers 1 through 7 are included in the recycling program. For more information, see page 3 of the 2018 Recycler. If you do not have a copy of the 2018 Recycler brochure or need additional brochures, they are available at the Town Hall.

Reminder: If you move out of the township or to a different house in Medary, the recycling bin stays with the original house. Please leave your recycling bins behind for the new residents. All newly constructed homes receive their recycling bin from the clerk at the Town Hall. The replacement bin fee is \$10

Second Half of Property Taxes

The second half of property taxes are due by July 31, 2018. Taxes are payable to:

La Crosse County Treasurer's Office
400 4th Street North
La Crosse, WI 54601

Reminder: The Town of Medary has a 2 dog limit.

Town Board

Chairperson: Linda Seidel 783-0482

Supervisor 1: Steve Elsen 769-6019

Supervisor 2: Mike Weibel 781-2927

Clerk: Diane Elsen 781-2275

Treasurer: Mary Hofer 781-2275

The Town board meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the Medary Town Hall at 7 pm. All residents are welcome to attend!

Save the Date for Family Fun!

Medary Fun Days

Saturday, August 18, 2018

Noon – 5:00 P.M. – Town Hall

(Jan Keil Park)

**This is a great opportunity for families to come together,
encouraging fellowship and community.**

**Profits support the Town of Medary purchase of
playground equipment, shelter with lights and water,
trees and benches and Town Hall handicap chairlift.**

Hamburgers, Brats and Hotdogs

Refreshments

Live Music

Radffles/Tip Boards

Bounce House/Saw Dust Pile

Childrens Games

Emergency Providers on Display