

Town of Medary Newsletter

Spring - 2022

Town Hall Hours

Tuesday, 8 – 11am

Thursday, 3 – 6pm

Friday, 8 – 11am

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**The Town Board meets
on the second Tuesday
of every month at 7
pm. All residents are
encouraged to attend.**

Message from the chair

Oh, Happy Days... The longer days of spring have arrived, and the temperatures are slowly rising. Let's welcome the rain that washes away the grey of winter!

Spring and summer reminders for our township as follows:

- The Spring Road Tour will occur on Saturday, March 26th; while I know everyone gets anxious to have the sand removed from the road; our town road crew will get to it as soon as possible.
- Large Item Pick-up will be on Saturday, April 9th. As a reminder, there is a \$25.00 fee for mattresses and box springs, so if you are disposing of a mattress (futon mattresses included) or box spring, please be prepared for these charges. Finally, this is not for normal garbage disposal, please continue using your garbage and recycle bins for weekly garbage collections.
- Open Book for tax bill review will be April 21st, from 3:00-5:00 pm at the Town Hall.
- 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 to the edge of the road; but, as a reminder, 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 gravel shoulders off town roads, again, 33 feet from the centerline, which we'd rather not do. We do appreciate the beautiful yards in Medary, but shoulder maintenance is necessary for 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 this trimming will occur to maintain safety for all vehicles traveling on our town roadway
- 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 damaging to the Town roads. Please 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 necessary to meet code requirements.
- Finally, the Town of Medary will publish all upcoming meetings on our Town of Medary website, <https://townofmedary.com/> and additionally post notices on the Town Hall door. We will no longer be publishing these notices in the newspaper.

Enjoy a healthy and safe spring and summer,

Linda Seidel, Chairperson, Town of Medary

Burning Permits

Burning permits are for 5 DAYS ONLY!

Looking for someone to take over as the fire warden for the County Road B/Wolf Ridge area. Please call the town hall if you are interested.

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 – Pralle Rd/Onalaska area. 608-783-2890

Randy Dewhurst – Timbercrest Dr./ Onalaska area. 608-781-7343

Bob Skemp – Potato Ridge Rd/Top of the Ridge area. 608-782-2127

- We encourage you to burn your brush/yard waste during the winter months when there is a snow cover.
- The La Crosse Fire Department advise not to create a huge fire, but a smaller one that can be fed from a larger pile.
- **Also, you must 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!**
- If you burn without a burn permit, you will be charged for a fire call.

Open book

Heather Wolf from Milde Appraisal will be available on Thursday, April 21 from 3 until 5pm at the town hall for Open Book. If you have questions as to the assessed value of your property, this is the time to talk to her.

Board of Review

Board of Review will be held on Thursday, April 28 from 4 until 6 at the town hall.

Building Inspector

If you are planning on excavating or building, you will need to get in touch with La Crosse County Zoning Department first. After you have your zoning permit, you can contact the City of La Crosse for your building permit. They are doing all of the permitting and inspections for the Town of Medary.

Refuse/Recycling

The 2022 Recycler brochure was mailed out in December. The first and last page has a list of multiple townships that participate in the Recycling program along with general information for future reference. The inside 2 pages pertain to the Town of Medary. If you did not receive it or need additional brochures, they are available at Town Hall. A brochure is posted on the web site: www.townofmedary.com under Recycling. Refuse/Garbage is picked up every week.

REMINDER: If you move out of the township or to a different house in Medary, the recycling/refuse-garbage bins stay with the original house.

2022 Election Days

We have 3 more elections this year. Our next election takes place on April 5, 2022. The polls are open from 7am to 8pm. **Reminder: Absentee ballots will not be counted if they are returned in the drop box. Ballots MUST be mailed or hand delivered by the voter by 8 pm on Elections Day.** Mark your calendar for August 9 and November 8 for the next elections.

Second Half of Property Taxes

The second half of property taxes are due by July 31, 2022

Make checks payable to: La Crosse County Treasurer
212 6th St. N. Room 1900 La Crosse, WI 54601

Large-Item Pickup Days

Mark your calendars for the next Large-Item pickup day on April 9, 2022 at the Town Hall from 8:30 until 12:30.

Remember: If all available dumpsters are filled prior to the 12:30pm closing time, we will not accept your items.

Mattresses and box springs are now \$23.00 each. Large Item collection date for fall is: October 8, 2022.

Dog Licenses

All dogs over 5 months must be licensed by April 1, 2022 (limit 2 dogs per household). Dog licenses can be purchased from the treasurer at N3393 Smith Valley Road, La Crosse, WI. This can be done by mail, town hall drop box or during town hall office hours. For new residents or for newly acquired dogs, all tags are to be purchased from the local treasurer within 30 days or a late fee may apply.

Dog Fee:

\$12.00 if spayed or neutered
\$23.00 if not

Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

The La Crosse Fire Department offers free smoke alarm installations to community residents

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please call (608)-811-1948 or email fdinfo@cityoflacrosse.org



La Crosse Fire Department
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SAVE THE DATE
MEDARY FUN DAY

SATURDAY
AUGUST 13, 2022
NOON UNTIL 5PM

JAN KEIL PARK
(Medary Town Hall)

Join us for food, refreshments, raffles,
children's games and pony rides.

All CDC guidelines for Covid will be followed.