



Town of Medary Newsletter Winter 2023

Town Hall Hours

Tuesday, 8 – 11am
Thursday, 3 – 6pm
Friday, 8 – 11am

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Town Board

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

Elevate your community involvement! We're seeking dedicated residents to join the Town Planning Commission. Volunteers meet 3-4 times a year to shape the town's future by reviewing the comprehensive plan and assessing new developments. If you're passionate about our town's growth, consider contributing your insights. Contact the Town Hall to express your interest in making a meaningful impact on our community's planning and development.

As the festive gatherings and holiday season bring traditions to light, we are reminded that winter's embrace is imminent. Before the frost settles, let's extend our heartfelt gratitude in advance to the dedicated Town of Medary Road Crew. They stand ready to brave the winter's challenges, ensuring our roads remain safe for all. Here's to a season of shared warmth and safe travels!

In preparation for the upcoming winter months, a few reminders for all of us:

- **Road Crew Plowing:** Our road crew plows all Medary roads once the snowfall has ended. If we miss any roads, please notify the town hall, and we will respond promptly.
- **Sand/Salt Mixture:** Access a sand/salt mixture at the Town Hall salt shed to help with ice on your driveways.
- **Markers for Landscaping:** Use flexible red/orange tip markers along the road shoulder to help plow drivers identify landscaping

features during reduced visibility caused by wind or blowing snow.

- **Clear Mailbox Area:** Keep the area around your mailbox clear of snow and ice to prevent damage when plowing occurs. Notify the town hall if a mailbox is pushed over and the Town will send the road crew supervisor to inspect the damage.

- **Road Shoulder Maintenance:** Snowplows may damage the road shoulder and grass. Please note that the town will not repair torn-up grass in the spring as it is the towns right-of-way for snow removal.

- **Safe Driving:** Reduce your speed on snow-covered roads for safer travel during inclement weather. Our road crew will remove accumulated slush, but cautious driving is essential.

Let's work together to keep our township safe and prepared for winter!

Steve Elsen

Town of Medary Chairperson

Slow Down

Please remember to slow down on our town roads especially in our more populated neighborhoods. Several areas have hearing impaired children and we want to keep them all safe.

Christmas Tree Collection

A dumpster will be available from December 26, 2023 until January 8, 2024 behind the Town Hall for tree disposal. Please remove all tinsel as well as the plastic tree bag before placing them in the collection box. Please do not throw them on the ground.

Elections

There are 4 elections in 2024. Mark your calendar. February 20, April 2, August 13 and November 5.

AED

We now have an AED at the Town Hall. Please be aware that it is in the entrance way to the town hall in case you need it while hosting an event.

Refuse/Recycling

The 2024 Recycler brochure will be mailed out in mid-December. The first and last page has general information on recycling. Pages 2 and 3 have information that pertains only to the Town of Medary. Please save this brochure for future reference. If you do not receive it or need additional brochures, they are available at Town Hall. Your 2024 Recycler has the Refuse/Recycling Collection Calendar, map and information on how to correctly prepare your Refuse/Recycling materials.

Help

The Historical Society is looking for help to give tours of the school in the Town of Medary. This involves a couple of hours in the spring when school children visit the Museum during the day to learn more about early life in the State of Wisconsin. Please call Wendy at 608 780 0729.

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

Randy Dewhurst – Timbercrest Dr. E Onalaska area. 608-7817343

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

Jason Stanton – Meadow Wood Area. 608-386-6931

Still looking for someone to be a fire warden in the Wolf Ridge/ County Road B area.

- We encourage you to burn your brush/yard waste during the winter months when there is a snow cover.
- The La Crosse Fire Department advises against creating a huge fire, but a smaller one that can be fed from a larger pile.
- **Also, remember to call the non-emergency numbers 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.

Tax Information

Please note: the special charge on your tax bill is for Fire Protection

- Taxes may be paid as follows:
- 24/7 using the drop box at the Town hall
- By mail to Treasurer, N3393 Smith Valley Road, La Crosse, WI 54601
- In person at Town Hall during the hours below:

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| Thurs, Dec 14 | 3 - 6 pm |
| Fri, Dec 15 | 8 - 11 am |
| Tues, Dec 19 | 8 - 11 am |
| Thurs, Dec 21 | 3 - 6 pm |
| Fri, Dec 22 | 8 - 11am |
| Tues, Dec 26 | 8 - 11 am |
| Thurs, Dec 28 | 3 - 6 pm |
| Fri, Dec 29 | 8 - 11 am |
| Tues, Jan 2 | 8 - 11 am |
| Thurs, Jan 4 | 3 - 6pm |
| Fri, Jan 5 | 8 - 11am |
| Tues, Jan 9 | 8 - 11 am |
| Thurs, Jan 11 | 3 - 6pm |
| Fri, Jan 12 | 8 - 11 am |
| Tues, Jan 16 | 8 - 11am |
| Thurs, Jan 18 | 3 - 6 pm |
| Fri, Jan 19 | 8 - 11 am |
| Tues, Jan 23 | 8 - 11 am |
| Thurs, Jan 25 | 3 - 6 pm |
| Fri, Jan 26 | 8 - 11 am |
| Tues, Jan 30 | 8 - 11 am |

• 2nd Half of Tax Payment

- Due: July 31, 2024
- Payable to: La Crosse County Treasurer
212 6th St. N. Room 1900
La Crosse, WI 54601
Phone - 608-785-9711

- All payments (first half or full) are due by January 31, 2024.
- Make checks payable to Town of Medary.
- Please include the payment stub from your tax bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want a receipt mailed to you.
- Dog licenses may be paid at the same time with a separate check. Please see below.
- To verify that your payment has been processed, go to: lacrossecounty.org
- Click on: How Do I
- From the drop down menu under "Find"
- Click on tax/parcel search
- Enter your information & perform search
- Click on your record
- Click on "taxes" on right side of screen.
- Allow one week for processing.

Dog Licenses

All dogs over 5 months old must be licensed by April 1, 2024 (limit 2 dogs per household). We have a computer printout of dogs previously licensed in the Town of Medary. If the rabies vaccination is current, just send the correct fee along with a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of tags. If the rabies shot has expired since you purchased last year's tag, you will need to provide proof of the current rabies vaccination. It is the dog owner's responsibility to provide the rabies information (not the vet clinic). For new dogs, please provide date of birth, dog's name, breed, color, sex (provide documentation, if altered).

Dog Fee:

\$12 if spayed or neutered

\$23 if not

Dog licenses can be purchased from the town treasurer N3393 Smith Valley Road, La Crosse, WI. This can be done by mail, town hall drop box, in person during tax collection or regular town hall hours. Late payments (after April 1) are paid to the La Crosse County Clerk and subject to a fine. All dog calls are handled by the Coulee Region Humane Society at 608 -781-4014.

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. A new puppy must be licensed within 5 months of birth or a late penalty may apply.

place dog droppings in our town garbage cans by the shelter. It's the Law!!! Ordinance #6.02.

Please be courteous when walking your dog in public areas. Help us keep the town park clean. You must keep your dog on a leash and clean up after it. Please do not

Medary Family Fun Day

Thank you so much for your continued support of Family Fun Day. Thanks to local sponsors we were able to exceed our goal for this year's event, fundraising over \$5,000.00. The funds raised will go right back into serving the needs of the township. More playground equipment will be installed at the town park in the future.

Our local families were able to enjoy free children's games, music, pony rides, bounce house, shooting range, see tow trucks in action, take part in visits by the City of La Crosse Fire Department, La Crosse County Sheriff's Department and more. The memories made among our community members helps to build and strengthen our relationships.

The Medary Family Fun Day Committee would not be able to host such an exciting event without the generous support of our caring community.

Thank you kindly,

The Medary Family Fun day Committee,
Steve Elsen – Special Event Chairperson

Looking ahead: Planning for the 2024 Medary Family Fun Day will be on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6pm at the Medary Town Hall. Please feel free to join us. We are looking for new people to add to our committee. Many hands make light work.

Diane Elsen – Special Event Chairperson – going forward.