

## From the Desk of the Town Chairperson



As the days get shorter, the temperatures get colder, and the leaves fall from the trees, we are reminded that winter is just around the corner. With that thought, our Public Works Department is working diligently to finalize drainage projects that have been in the works over the past few months before they need to concentrate on snow removal; and the construction crew is continuing the remodeling and addition to the Town's fire station and offices in Larsen.

With regards to the remodeling, as in any construction project there have been issues that needed to be addressed, but we are still on course to complete the building portion of the project by the end of 2012, as initially planned. Following completion of the project, we plan to have an open house for our residents and neighbors, hopefully early in 2013. This will give everyone an opportunity to tour the facility.

We have made every effort throughout this

building process to not inconvenience our residents, but due to the construction we will hold the election on Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> in the old meeting room, as we did for the September primary. By the time this newsletter goes out everyone should have received a postcard requesting that our residents, if at all possible, vote early at the Town Office to reduce the number of residents voting at the office on Election Day. This will make for shorter lines and will allow the process to move more smoothly. As stated in the mailing, beginning Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Town office will have extended hours from 8:00am until 6:00pm to accommodate early voting by our residents.

Regarding snow removal, budget constraints required staffing changes, making it imperative that we re-evaluate our snow removal procedures. We will be operating two plow trucks throughout the season, concentrating on the highly traveled main Town roads at each initial snow event and attending to the arterial roads as time permits. Rest assured our Public Works Department will make every

effort throughout the season to keep the roads clear and passable for our residents. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank everyone for their patience and understanding through the upcoming winter months.

Since this will be our last newsletter until January, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and holiday season, and a safe and prosperous New Year in 2013!

*Mark E. Luebke*



The WIOUWASH Trail between Breezewood Lane and

"Shall you cry because the rose has a thorn; or rejoice because the thorn has a rose?"  
— Unknown

## DOG LICENSES/LEASH LAW

**Required:** ALL dogs 5 months of age at any time during the year must be licensed annually, per State of Wisconsin Statutes (Wis. Stats. 174.05).

*Licenses are valid from January 1st—December 31st.*

**Paperwork Required:** Proof of current rabies vaccination (paperwork is valid, just the tag is not valid).

### License Fees:

Spayed/Neutered dogs = \$5.00 each

Unspayed/Unneutered dogs \$10.00 each

Multiple Dog (Kennel) = \$40.00 (up to 12 dogs)

Late Fee (Beginning on April 1st) = \$10.00 additional fee per **dog**.

### Leash Law:

ALL dogs must be on a leash when off their home property—by *State Statute and Town Ordinance* they are not allowed to run at large.

## VEOLIA CHANGE TO GARBAGE PICKUP!!!

VEOLIA will be changing its refuse pickup procedures to an automated pick-up truck with a driver only. This change will require that the citizens of the Town of Clayton change the way that they put out their refuse containers in order for the truck to pick them up automatically without assistance from a person.

### **Please note the container placement in the pictures above and below:**

Containers should be placed in a horizontal line  
Containers should be placed approximately 3-4 feet apart  
The handles and the wheels should be facing the house  
The containers should be placed on the driveway apron



## CONTROLLED BURN

### BEFORE YOU BURN... CALL 920-727-2890

By doing this, you have alerted Emergency Services that You have a planned burn.

#### Make Sure You Have the Following:

Someone attending the fire at all times. Enough water to put the fire out. Someone attending the fire UNTIL the fire is OUT!

### AFTER YOU BURN... CALL 920-727-2890

## Yard Waste Site

#### Open:

April 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>

#### HOURS:

Thursdays, 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Saturdays, 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Sundays, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 P.M.

#### ACCEPTED:

Grass clippings, Branches, Leaves, Brush, etc.

#### NOT ACCEPTED!!!

Metal, concrete, tree/bush stumps, Appliances (incl. micro-waves) electronics,

Televisions, computers, Other hazardous waste, etc.

NO COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL ALLOWED.

This is a *free* service to the Town of Clayton residents.

"ALL OF THE ANIMALS EXCEPT  
FOR MAN

KNOW THAT THE PRINCIPAL  
BUSINESS

OF LIFE IS TO ENJOY IT"

SAMUAL BUTLER

## Fireplace & Home Fire Safety

from the Clayton Winchester Fire Department "Information & Statistics" courtesy of the *Home Safety Council*

As summer fades away and the crisp fall air moves in, many of us will be eager to get the fireplace or wood stove roaring once again. Below are some helpful tips to keep you and your family safe and warm right on into the cold months of winter. More than 1/3 of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves, or other fuel-fired appliances as primary heat sources in their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and solid fuels. Heating fires account for 36% of residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote build-up in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently. The United States Fire Administration (USFA) encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps to keep those home fires **safely** burning. Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility... Fire Stops with You!

### Keep Fireplaces and Wood Stoves Clean

1) Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.

### Protect the Inside of Your home

1) Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations, and flammable materials.

2) Leave glass doors open while burning a fire. Leaving the doors open ensures that the fire receives enough air to ensure

complete combustion and keeps creosote from building up in the chimney.

3) Close glass doors when the fire is out to keep air from the chimney opening from getting into the room. Most glass fireplace doors have a metal mesh screen which should be closed when the glass doors are open. This mesh screen helps keep embers from getting out of the fireplace area.

4) Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.

5) Provide proper venting systems for all heating equipment.

6) Keep air inlets on wood stoves open and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote build-up that could lead to a chimney fire.

### Safely Burn Fuel

1) Never use flammable liquids to start a fire. Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote build-up.

2) Never burn cardboard boxes, trash, or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.

### Protect the Outside of Your home

1) Stack firewood outdoors at least 30 feet away from your home.

2) Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles, and other debris.





**Town Office:**  
8358 County Road T.  
(In Larsen)

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8348 County Road T.  
Larsen, WI 54947

**Phone: 920-836-2007**  
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**Office Hours:**  
M-F 8:00am — 4:30pm

**Yard Waste Site Hrs:**  
Thurs. 3pm — 7pm  
Sat. 8am — 4pm  
Sun 12pm — 4pm

**Control Burn:**  
920-727-2890

**Newsletter available**  
[www.townofclayton.net](http://www.townofclayton.net)  
March 20th  
June 20th  
September 20th  
December 20th

## Fall Water Testing Program

The FALL Water Testing Program is available to Town of Clayton Residents at special rates.

**PICK UP** water sampling bottles from the Town Office during office hours November 6<sup>th</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**DROP OFF** your bottles at the Town Office on Friday, November 13th, 2012, **OR** at Clean Water Testing prior to November 13th, 2012.

### Educational Meeting:

There will be an “Educational Meeting” (if enough people test) where you will pick up your test results and a Clean Water Testing representative will present general results as well as answer questions you may have.

### Individual Test Options: \$15 each

Bacteria (Coliform and E-coli) (Regular price \$28)  
Nitrate (Regular price \$28)  
Arsenic (Regular price \$36)

### Package options

#### Home Safety Package \$95.00 (Regular price \$129.00)

**Test Parameters:** Coliform Bacteria, E-coli, Nitrate, Arsenic, Lead, Fluoride, Bromide, Phosphate, Sulfate, and Chloride.

#### Complete Water Package \$349.00 (Regular price \$499.00)

**Test Parameters:** Aluminum, Barium, Beryllium, Boron, Cadmium, Calcium, Chromium, Cobalt, Copper, Iron, Lithium, Magnesium, Manganese, Molybdenum, Nickel, Phosphorus, Potassium, Silicon, Silver, Vanadium, Sodium, Strontium, Zinc, Coliform Bacteria, E-coli, Nitrate, Arsenic, Lead, Bromide, Phosphate, Sulfate, Fluoride, Chloride, VOCs, Triazene, & Alpha/Beta screen.

### Payment

Payment **MUST** be included with your test kit. If payment is not included your sample will not be analyzed.

### Sample containers needed

**For Individual Tests and the Home Safety Package** please fill both sample containers provided according to the directions on the back of the lab slip (included in the test kit). Please complete the lab slip to the best of your ability.

**For the Complete Water Package** you will need the cooler provided at the Town Hall, and the sample **MUST** be returned on ice. When filling the sample bottles for this package simply follow the directions on the back of the lab slip with an exception for the 40ml glass vials which have their own sampling instruction (the red sheet wrapped around the glass vials).

Results will be mailed to you.