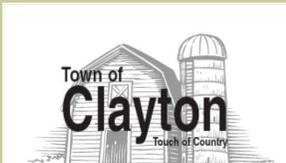


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The Claytonite

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From the Desk of the Town Chairman



First, I would like to thank everyone for the trust you have placed in me at the April elections. Working together we can continue to move the Town of Clayton forward while ensuring our quality of life for today and tomorrow. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Mark Luebke for the eight years of service he dedicated to our Town as the Chairman.

Summer time means our Public Works Dept. will be out working hard on all of the projects that have been scheduled for this year along with regular road and ditch maintenance. Just an update on a few of them: #1. Oak Openings Subdivision, currently installing drain tile and ditching with roadway work to begin. #2. Winncrest Subdivision, relocation of gas main and telephone lines to be done in June prior to roadway work. #3. Oakcrest Subdivision, finalizing relocation of gas main, ditch and roadway work expected to begin in June.

The Town Plan Commission is currently working on an updated 2015 Comprehensive Plan and a public hearing will be scheduled so we get thoughts and input from our residents on the future vision for our Town. As always the date will be posted. Please check the website.

As a Town we are also now facing the incorporation of the Town of Menasha. On June 5th they petitioned the court to move ahead to become the Village of Fox Crossing. This could have serious implications for our Town. Here is why: Towns cannot annex other Towns. However, Villages and Cities can annex and the future Village has made it very clear it is their intent to annex our east side up to and maybe beyond highway 76. They will have the ability to offer services such as sewer and water that we currently do not, and the business base we have there wants and needs these services. We will be fighting this incorporation to not only preserve 12% of our land mass but the 14% (almost \$49 million dollars) of equalized value in the Town. Future growth will happen regardless if it is Clayton or the new Village of Fox Crossing, especially along the Hwy 10 corridor. I feel it is in our best interest to make sure it is the Town of Clayton not the new Village that dictates our future.

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On the lighter side “ClaytonFest” will be a Two-Day event this year hosted by the Drifters Snowmobile Club. The dates are **June 19th and 20th**. I hope to see you there.

I encourage every resident to stay involved. It is your Town. Please reach out to me or any other board member with your thoughts and concerns. We may not be able to immediately fix every problem that arises but, your input matters, and we do listen and try and make the best decisions we can for our, your Town. Clayton is more than a “Touch of Country”, We Are The Place to Be!

I want to end by saying thanks to all of our Town staff and the wonderful people who dedicate their time to be involved on all of our boards, commissions, committees, departments and everything else we do. You do make a difference, thank you.

Russell D. Geise – Town Board Chair



**Please join us for the
14th Annual ClaytonFest**

8348 County Rd T, Larsen

Friday, June 19th, 2015

DJ Joe 5:00-8:00 pm

RPM 8:00 pm–Midnight

Saturday, June 20th, 2015

Parade at Noon

Sugar Bush Boys 1:00-5:00 pm

DJ Joe 5:00-8:00 pm

8:00 pm-Midnight Nashville Pipeline

Bake Sale; Children’s Games and Petting Zoo

Both Days: Food & Refreshments



FIREWORKS AT DUSK SATURDAY NIGHTWEATHER PERMITTING

Please go to Claytonfest.com for more information

By: Dick Knapinski, Plan Commission Chairman

A FIRST STEP TOWARD A NEW PLAN

Nearly all of us have put together a giant picture puzzle at some time. When all the pieces first dumped out, it looks like, well, nothing. Certainly nothing like the picture on the box. Only by picking through all the pieces and finding the ones that fit together do we start to see the image that we wanted to create.



On June 10th, the Clayton Town Board, Plan Commission and Green Space Committee had a rare joint meeting to kick off the yearlong update to the town's comprehensive plan. It was, so to speak, the opening of the box and the dumping of all the pieces onto the table. The three groups were brought together so they all had the same knowledge base to consider as we began the process to update the town's future vision.

Right now all the diverse pieces – some showing trends, or perhaps demographics, or maybe ideas – don't seem to fit together. Only time, patience, and observation bring the answers.

Each of the town's governing bodies has an important role to play. The Plan Commission will fuse the elements of what we residents want the town to look like, using demographics, outside influences, economics, and public input. The Greenspace Committee will study the town's recreation resources now and what residents and visitors may want in the future. The Town Board, as your elected representatives, will ultimately approve the plan, then set the policies and find the financial means to bring it to reality.

Even in an initial meeting, some trends and desires were evident:

- The town is determined to maintain its borders and continuity. The potential incorporation of the Town of Menasha is a threat to that and to the town's tax base.
- There is a desire to maintain elements of commercial business, residential, and agriculture.
- What the next 25 years will look like in the town will not look like the past 25 years.

What's next? The Plan Commission will spend the next few months putting an initial update together, then bring it to the next public information session.

This is where YOUR input is important. We didn't expect a lot of members of the public at the June 10th meeting, and we weren't disappointed. Summer is short and great evenings are to be cherished. That, however, doesn't minimize the importance of the comprehensive plan to the town or the necessity of doing the planning the right way. That includes your responses and ideas. This town belongs to each of us and all of us. We want your input as a part of what Clayton will be.

Summer Safety Tips

Tick Bites

Ticks are responsible for a variety of illnesses including Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. These diseases can be very serious. Learn ways to protect your family. Some suggestions include:

- Protective clothing (long sleeves, long pants, tucking pants into socks)
- Tick/bug repellent for people and pets
- Staying in the center of paths, keeping away from overgrown areas and not sitting directly on the ground
- Performing tick checks on all family members every day
- Being aware of signs/symptoms of tick-related illnesses and calling the doctor for any concerns/questions



Sun Protection

- Avoid sun exposure during peak sun hours (10 AM – 6 PM).
- Wear protective clothing and a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses (with 99-100% UV protection).
- Sunscreen is a must (on sunny and cloudy days)! Look for products with UVA and UVB protection and an SPF of at least 15 (according to the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Association of Dermatology).
- Sunscreen should be applied liberally 30 minutes before going out in the sun, and reapplied every two hours or sooner if swimming, sweating or toweling off. Look for shade whenever possible.

Summer First Aid Kit

- Every family should have one first aid kit at home and in your car which is well stocked and accessible.
- Kids get lots of cuts and scrapes during the warm summer months, so it's nice to be prepared.
- Don't forget to restock the kit once an item has been used.
- Be sure to keep a list of emergency numbers where they are easy to find. This list should include: emergency medical services (911), the doctor's number, the dentist's number, poison control, a number where mom and/or dad can be reached and any other important phone numbers.

Dehydration and Heat Related Illnesses

- Keeping well hydrated is very important.
- Children (and adults) must remember to drink.
- Do not wait until a child says he is thirsty before offering fluids. At this point, he is already dehydrated, so be sure to provide plenty of fluids before going outside, while out in the heat and afterwards.
- Playing in the hot summer sun means lots of fluid losses, so avoid strenuous activity during peak sun hours (10 am- 6 pm). Look for shade and take lots of breaks.

Fireworks Safety

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks. **Fireworks permit for Town of Clayton is \$10.00.**
- Know your fireworks, read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Sparklers can heat up to 1,200° and little arms are too short to hold them. Use glow sticks instead!



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 Drop-Off Site

The Town of Clayton has a yard waste drop-off site located near the corner of Hickory and County Rd II. This location is open April 1 thru November 30.

Hours are as follows:

Thursdays: 3:00-7:00 pm

Saturdays: 8 am-4:00 pm

Sundays: 12:00-4:00 pm

(Except Holidays)

No hazardous waste or appliances will be accepted at the site

Winnebago County Landfill: 232-1856

Recycling News

Starting December 1, 2014 – Newly Accepted Items:

Cartons: Milk, Soy Milk, Juice, Cream Egg Substitutes, Broth, Soup, Wine

Dairy Containers: Yogurt, Margarine, Cottage Cheese, Sour Cream

Produce, Bakery & Deli Containers: Berry, Donut, Potato Salad, Dips

Website: www.RecycleMoreTriCounty.org

Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance



At the Town Board meeting held on April 15, 2015 the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance was approved. To summarize, if there is a vehicle(s) in the Town of Clayton that a resident feels has been abandoned they need to contact the Town of Clayton office. A notice will be sent to the owner of the vehicle at the address where the vehicle is being stored. Please refer to the townofclayton.net for more information under Town Ordinances and Policies or visit our office for a copy of the ordinance.

Lawn and Weed Notices

ALL TOWN OF CLAYTON LOTS MUST BE MOWED AND MAINTAINED AT A HEIGHT OF NO MORE THAN 10 INCHES TALL.



If the office receives notice of lots that are not following this ordinance, the lot owner will receive what we call a “weed notice”. This letter gives them 10 days to mow the lot properly otherwise the Town will mow it and invoice the owner. The invoice will be at net 10 days and if unpaid will be added to your 2015 tax bill. Please help us in keeping the Town of Clayton an attractive community to live in.

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Spay & Neuter Assistance Program

The Fox Valley Humane Association assists low income families with the spaying/neutering of their animals for a **low cost fee**.

Price is dependent on the total household income.

Interested? Call (920)733-1717 ext. 115
email: lorib@foxvalleypets.org,
or stop by the shelter during
open hours to fill out an application.



In the Town of Clayton if you find a stray animal please call the Animal Control Officer, Dave Huebner. He can be reached at 920-836-3046.

Fox Valley Humane Association
N115 Two Mile Road Appleton, WI

FVHA Low Cost Vaccine Clinic

The 2nd Wednesday
& 4th Thursday
of EVERY MONTH



DOGS:

- Rabies*, Distemper and Bordatella **\$15 each**
- Dewormer **\$8 each**



CATS:

- Rabies*, Distemper **\$15 each**
- Dewormer **\$8 each**
- Ivomec (ear mite) **\$5 each**

**BY
APPOINTMENT
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Please Call Lori 733-1717 ext 115
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