



**We have a
NEW WEBSITE:**

<http://www.claytonwi.govoffice3.com/>

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8358 County Road T (in Larsen)
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 13, Larsen, WI 54947

Phone: 920-836-2007
Fax: 920-836-2026

Office Hours:
M-F 8:00am-4:30pm

Yard Waste Site
Closed for the Season

CONTROL BURN 920-727-2890

Newsletter available
at 4:30 P.M. on
www.claytonwi.govoffice3.com/
March 20th, June 20th,
September 20th, December 20th



Spring Water Testing Program



PICK UP collection bottles:
MARCH 20—APRIL 3

RETURN collected samples:
APRIL 4 by 4:00 P.M.

to take advantage of special pricing

RETURN samples to:
Clean Water Testing
OR
Town Office

INDIVIDUAL TEST OPTIONS:

Bacteria (coliform and e-coli)	\$15 (Reg. price \$28)
Nitrate	\$15 (Reg. price \$28)
Arsenic	\$15 (Reg. price \$36)

PACKAGE OPTIONS:

Home Safety Package \$95 (Reg. price \$125)
Test Parameters: Coliform Bacteria, E-coli, Nitrate,
Arsenic, Lead, Fluoride, Phosphate, Sulfate, and Chloride

Complete Water Package \$349 (Reg. price \$399)
Test Parameters: Aluminum, Barium, Beryllium, Boron,
Cadmium, Calcium, Chromium, Cobalt, Copper, Iron, Lith-
ium, Magnesium, Manganese, Molybdenum, Nickel, Phos-
phorus, Potassium, Silicon, Silver, Vanadium, Sodium,
Strontium, and Zinc, Coliform Bacteria, E-coli, Nitrate,
Arsenic, Lead, Phosphate, Sulfate, Fluoride, Chloride,
VOC's, Triazene screen, and Alpha/Beta screen)

If there is enough participation in the Spring Water Testing
Program from Town of Clayton residents, there will be an
educational meeting:

7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 17, 2012
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The Claytonite—March 2012

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The Claytonite

MARCH 2012



From the Desk of the Town Chairperson

It's hard to believe that the first day of spring is here. With the mild temperatures and the low snow fall totals, it seems as if we didn't have a winter season this year. This has been difficult for residents that enjoy winter sports such as snowmobiling, skiing and sledding, but for our public works department the near record low snow totals gave the crew the opportunity to get ahead on several projects in the town. Some of the projects completed include the replacement of road signs to abide by the new requirements for reflectivity on the Northwest and Southwest portions of the town, replacement of a major cross culvert on Oakwood and brushing of trees along the roadways throughout the town. Weight limits have been posted and if the weather continues to improve road surface patching will

be addressed as needed.

Please remember to cast your vote on April 3rd and plan on attending the Town of Clayton Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00pm in the Community Center.

Since this will be our last Claytonite until June, I hope to see everyone at our 11th Annual ClaytonFest on Saturday, June 9th. Watch for upcoming advertising throughout the area, and as in the past we are always looking for volunteers, so if you are interested please contact the Town office. Until then, have a safe and productive Spring season.

Mark E. Luebke



From the Desk of the Fire Chief

With the winter season ending and the spring season arriving the fire department would like anyone planning to conduct a control burn of leaves or brush to contact the Winnebago 911 center at 727-2890 to inform them of your control burn before you start it. The dispatcher will then ask you the address where the control burn will take place and ask you for a phone number where you can be contacted (preferably a cell phone, because you will be out watching the fire). The dispatcher will write your name, address, and phone number on a dry erase board. This is so if they receive a call from a neighbor or a passerby of a fire they can inform the fire department that we may be responding to a controlled burn. Also remember that the control burn must be watched and controlled at all times while it is burning. It is always a good idea to have a garden hose or water supply handy to help control the fire. After the fire is totally out the person conducting the control burn should then again contact the E911 center and let them know it is out so they can erase

it off of their board.

Before lighting a control burn:

Wind speed – wind speeds under 7 mph. help prevent the spread of fire & smoke

Wind direction – so neighbors and or roadways are not affected by the smoke

Exposures – be mindful of things nearby that could burn (buildings, vehicles, and neighbors' property)

Future Conditions – is the wind supposed to pick up and/or change direction

Burning Bans – be aware of any temporarily put into place if conditions become too dry (after the snow melts & before grasses/trees start to green up)

Please contact me with questions on conducting a control burn or about the department at 836-9518.

Fire Chief, Glen Mathison



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April 3rd, 2012: Spring Election—Town Board Supervisors

Supervisor #3—Candidate

Ann Schmidt
8155 County Road T / Larsen, WI 54947



I am running for reelection for the Town of Clayton Supervisor #3 seat. I have been on the Town Board for two years and have learned a lot about how our town and local government run. I'm a dedicated individual with goals for this town to grow and flourish at a rate we can handle. I am always ready to listen to all sides of an issue and vote for what I feel our town's residents need. I love living in the Town of Clayton in "God's country". I will continue to do my best to support this town. Thank you.

Supervisor #4—Candidate

Russell D. Geise
8014 County Road T / Larsen, WI 54947



I want to thank you for the trust you have placed in me to serve on the Town Board these last four years, along with the privilege of serving on both the Plan Commission and as Secretary of the Joint Fire Board. I look forward to listening to and working with all of you as we continue to move our Town ahead. Together, we can continue to make the Town of Clayton the best place to live. I appreciate your continued trust in me. Please feel free to call me with any issues or concerns you may have.

Please help control Garlic Mustard!

WIOUWASH Trail Garlic Mustard Pull / Sat., May 5, 2012 / 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon / Brooks Road Crossing

Garlic mustard is an extremely invasive plant that is becoming more prevalent in our town every year. It's no surprise, since each plant, if not destroyed, can produce hundreds of seeds. I urge you to pull garlic mustard on your property in April and May before it goes to seed. It should be bagged and placed in your garbage to go to the landfill. This is legal and suggested under Wisconsin NR40 passed on September 1, 2009. **Do not** try to compost garlic mustard since it will continue to develop and set seed even after it is pulled.

Garlic Mustard is a serious problem on the WIOUWASH Trail as it continues to spread and crowd out native vegetation that provides food and shelter for our birds, mammals, and insects. At this point, the garlic mustard on the trail is much worse just south of us in the Town of Vinland than on the Clayton part of the trail, although we find more and more in our town as people and pets use the trail and seeds are spread on shoe treads and animal fur.

Join the Winnebago County Master Gardeners in a Garlic Mustard Pull (*County Road T & Brooks Road Crossing*)!

If you want to join us to help pull garlic mustard, please bring something to kneel on and a dandelion digger.

For more information, contact Lawanda Jungwirth, ljungwirth@new.rr.com or 920-836-2878.

NEW Voting Laws—In effect for April 3, 2012, election

VOTER REGISTRATION

In-Person (In Clerk's office):

Deadline to register in person is 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election.
(No Saturday, Sunday, or Monday registration is allowed.)

By Mail:

Deadline to register by mail is no later than the 20th day before the election.

Residency Requirement:

You must have lived at your residential address for at least 28 consecutive days prior to the election.

Previous voting address:

You must provide the address where you were previously registered to vote.

Corroborating Witness:

You can no longer use a corroborator in lieu of proof-of-residence documentation.

ABSENTEE VOTING

In-Person (In Clerk's office):

There is no in-person absentee voting on the Saturday, Sunday, or Monday before the election.

ELECTION DAY

Signature on the Poll List:

You must sign the Poll List in order to vote.

Election Workers:

Please do not engage election workers in discussions regarding the changes to the election laws.



Dog Licenses—2012



Valid: January 1—December 1

REQUIRED:

ALL dogs 5 months of age **MUST** be licensed **ANNUALLY**, per Wis. Statutes (Wis. Stats. 174.05).

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



Dogs—Leash Law



ALL dogs
MUST be on a leash
when off their home property.



Dogs are **NOT** allowed to run at large
per State Statutes and Town Ordinance.

Animal Control Officer:

David Huebner
920.836.3046
or
920.428.7569



Spring Water Testing Program, cont. from page 4

Why test for arsenic?

Arsenic found in the groundwater is naturally occurring. It is a known carcinogen causing various cancers of the urinary bladder, kidney, liver, and skin. Arsenic is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recommends that every well owner in the state have their water analyzed for arsenic.

Why test for bacteria?

Coliform Bacteria are found in human and animal waste, soil, and surface water. Any number of coliform bacteria in drinking water is unnatural. Bacteria in drinking water is a very serious matter and could make you extremely ill. It is recommended that you test for bacteria on an annual basis.

Why test for nitrates?

Nitrates in groundwater may be the result of over-application of fertilizers or septic system contamination. Nitrate may cause severe illness or death in infants and poses a large health risk to pregnant women. Nitrate levels may change even with the different seasons.

Why the Home Safety Package?

This package is designed for individuals who want all of tests listed above but may have additional concerns about other items that may be in their water supply. This package

is designed to inform you of the general health and safety of your water, while telling you whether surface activities may be affecting the quality of your water.

Test Parameters: Coliform Bacteria, E-coli, Nitrate, Arsenic, Lead, Fluoride, Chlorides, Phosphates, and Sulfates.

Why the Complete Package?

This package is designed for individuals who want to test their water for "everything" that well owners should test their water for. This package screens for the same contaminants that most municipalities are testing for, but at an affordable rate. Many of the items contained in this package should be tested for during the life of a well. From inorganic, to volatile organics, to pesticides and herbicides, to radioactivity this package has it all. *Requires special containers and 4-6 weeks for analysis.

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

ClaytonFest—SEE INSERT