

Town of  
**Clayton**  
A Touch of Country

SEPTEMBER 2011

# The Claytonite

## From the Desk of the Town Chairperson

Hello All,

The Labor Day weekend signals the end of summer and the beginning of fall. It is interesting that this October we will have 5 Sundays, 5 Mondays, and 5 Saturdays. Since this happens once every 823 years,

hopefully everyone will take this additional opportunity to get out and enjoy our beautiful Autumn season.

We have several projects that will be winding down before the snow flies. Our Public Works crew has been working hard replacing several cross culverts, while also completing preliminary work for chip sealing that was recently completed on Oakwood Rd. and Center Rd. south of Larsen Rd. All of this while they continue ditch work on east Larsen Road and mowing of the ditches throughout the entire town. You may be wondering why the Larsen Road reconstruction project carried over into this year, and at this point is not completed.

First, the project got a late start last year due to inclement weather. Second, the reconstruct of the road-base was more challenging than we had anticipated. It was determined that to ensure a quality road that hopefully will endure for many years to come, we postponed the final paving last year until this fall. This allowed the road-base to shift and settle thru a winter season, giving us the opportunity to repair problem areas due to settling. We hope to move forward with the final paving this fall but due to the paving contractor's additional work load for the State this fall, there is the possibility that the final paving will not be

completed until early next spring.

It is great to see that many have taken the opportunity to use the trail along Larsen Road.

In the upcoming years, our long range plans for reconstructing the remaining portions of Larsen Road to the West of State Road 76 include the trail that will continue to Clayton Park, eventually reaching the State's WIOUWASH Trail.

Your Board and Staff have begun working on the budget for next year with the last two meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>. With costs continuing to rise, it is apparent that we will need to make some difficult decisions over the next few weeks to ensure that we continue the town services that our residents expect. We will have a balanced budget which will be presented this November when we bring the tax levy and highway budget to our residents for approval. As always, I encourage residents to attend Regular Town Board meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Plan Commission meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, and the upcoming Budget meetings. These meetings all begin at 7:00 p.m. Our Green Space Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, with that meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. All the meetings are held at the Town's Office.

Until next time, have a safe Autumn.

*Mark E. Luebke*



## Recycle Household Hazardous Materials

### WINNEBAGO COUNTY RECYCLES

Household Hazardous Materials

(list subject to change):

**Automotive:** Fuel Additives, Gasoline Transmission/Starter/Brake Fluid

**Garden & Lawn Care:** Herbicides, Poisons, Insecticides, Fungicides, Weed Killer

**Cleaners:** Turpentine, Solvents, Varnish/Stain, Pool Chemicals, Drain & Oven Cleaners,

Household Cleaners/Polishes/Aerosols

**Miscellaneous:** Oil & Lead-Based Paint, Grease & Rust Solvents, Spray Paint, Paint Thinners/Strippers, Adhesives/Driveway Sealer, Wood Preservatives, Household Batteries

**NOTE:** Program runs from March -October

**CALL 920-232-1856**

for questions, site times, or specific materials.

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# 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 fireplace, wood stoves, and 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 stove-pipes. 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**

- ✓ Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- ✓ Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations, and flammable materials.
- ✓ 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.

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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**

- ✓ Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- ✓ Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote build-up.
- ✓ Never burn cardboard boxes, trash, or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.



## **Protect the Outside of Your Home**

- ✓ Stack firewood outdoors at least 30 feet away from your home.
- ✓ Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles, and other debris.

## **Protect the Inside of Your Home**

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Provide proper venting systems for all heating equipment.



# Fall Water Testing Program



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



**PICK UP** water sampling bottles: Sep. 20th—Oct. 7th

Pick up bottles during Office Hours from the Town Office beginning September 20th, 2011.

**DROP OFF** water sampling bottles: Friday, October 7th

Drop off your bottles at the Town Office on Friday, October 7th, 2011, **OR** at Clean Water Testing prior to October 7th, 2011.

**Educational Meeting:** Tuesday, October 25th, 2011

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 TESTS: \$15.00 each (Regular price \$26.00)**

Arsenic, Coliform Bacteria, E-Coli Bacteria, Iron, Lead, Nitrate, etc.

## **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.



## Voter I.D. Law

### **Beginning with the 2012 February Primary Election**

To vote at the Polls on Election Day:

-  Each voter must present a valid Photo I.D.
-  Each voter must sign the Poll Book

**NOTE:** Absentee Ballot procedures have also changed in response to this new law.

**NOTE:** Proof of Residence for New Voter Registration differs from the Voter Photo I.D. requirement to be able to vote.

Details are available on the Government Accountability Board's website at [gab.wi.gov](http://gab.wi.gov)



## **WANTED: Election Inspectors**

Is it **FUN** to be an Election Inspector?  
Must Election Inspectors **LIVE** in the Town?

Are Election Workers **TRAINED**?

Are Election Workers **PAID** for their time?

If you answered **YES** to these questions,  
you may ask:

**What DO Election Inspectors  
DO on Election Day?**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
BEING AN ELECTION INSPECTOR?**

The Town of Clayton **NEEDS YOU** and is  
looking for several residents interested in  
being **Election Inspectors** that want  
to work at the polls on **Election Day**.

To find out more about the  
**EXCITING WORLD** of Election Inspectors,  
or to sign up, contact the Town Clerk.

## 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.*



### **Animal Control Officer:**

Questions: call David Huebner at  
920.836.3046 or 920.428.7569

## Yard Waste Site

**OPEN: April 1—November 30**

**Thursday, 3:00pm-7:00pm**

**Saturday, 8:00am-12:00noon**

This is a **FREE** service to  
Town of Clayton Residents only.

### **Accepted items:**

Grass clippings, branches, leaves, brush

### **Items NOT Accepted:**

Appliances of any kind (incl. micro-waves), metal, concrete, tree/bush stumps, electronics, televisions, tires, computers, other hazardous waste  
**No commercial disposal allowed.**





We're on the web!  
[www.townofclayton.net](http://www.townofclayton.net)

Town Office:  
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 Hours  
Thurs. 3p-7p, Sat. 8a-12noon

**CONTROL BURN 920-727-2890**

Newsletter available  
at 4:30 P.M. on  
[www.townofclayton.net](http://www.townofclayton.net)  
March 20<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>,  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, December 20<sup>th</sup>



**SEE FIRE NUMBERS below!!**



## Fire Numbers



This summer, the Town of Clayton installed New Flag-Style Fire Numbers throughout the Town.

The installed cost of \$30.00 for the Fire Number can be paid to the Town on/before Tuesday, November 15, 2011. If not paid by November 15, 2011, it will be placed on your CY 2011 tax bill as a one-time special charge.

The Fire Numbers were installed in a specified location, per County Ordinance Chapter 7, Traffic Code 7.06, and Town Board Resolution 2011-007. It is a violation of these laws to move or remove these numbers—they must remain in the location in which they were installed.

Any Fire Numbers that become “relocated” or “removed” will be reinstalled in the correct location and assessed to the property tax bill as a special charge, at the full burden cost.

These Fire Numbers aid emergency personnel (Sheriff Dept., Fire Dept., First Responders, Mutual Aid Responders) in locating the site of an emergency of any type. Moving or removing the Fire Numbers may delay the emergency responders in finding the location of the emergency.

## Controlled Burn

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

### 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.

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

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

