



The Claytonite

MARCH 2011

From the Desk of the Town Chairperson

Hello,

Hard to believe that spring is just around the corner with all the snow we have experienced lately, but it is. With the winter winding down I want to acknowledge the dedication and determination that our Public Works crew has shown as they have worked tirelessly to keep our Town roads clear for travel. As always there are those one or two snow events that throw a curveball into their plans, but overall they have again done an excellent job.

As I write this it is apparent that our State Legislature is moving forward with some significant funding cuts in an attempt to balance the State's budget. With pending cuts to revenue sharing and road aides it is critical that we continue to find ways to hold the line on our town's share of your property taxes, as we have done in the

past. Now, more than ever, we will work diligently to hold down expenditures. We remain committed to meeting our town residents' needs, all without leveraging our future with unnecessary debt obligations. Maintaining safe and sound roads will continue to be a top priority. Effective land use planning and research of future sewer, water and regional water detention needs are all in progress. It is imperative that we continue to look for alternative ways to provide these vital services, working with our neighboring communities whenever feasible to keep costs down.

Don't forget to put June 11, 2011, on your calendar for our 10th Annual CLAYTON-FEST.

HAPPY SPRING!

Mark E. Luebke



NEWSLETTER NOTICE

NOTICE

At 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 6, 2011
at the Town Board meeting,
the Town Board of Supervisors
will review and consider
publishing the Town's Newsletter
in a **DIGITAL FORMAT** on the Town's Website
and
on a **HARD COPY** only by request

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April Election — Town Board Candidates



for TOWN CHAIRPERSON

Candidate: Mark E. Luebke

When I first took office I promised to be open, honest, and straight forward. I believe that I have done just that over my term. As we approach another election, I again pledge to serve our residents in that same manner.



As we address future needs for our community we must also maintain the efficient and effective services we currently provide our residents. By continuing to review and monitor how we furnish services, working with neighboring communities whenever feasible, we can keep our expenditures down and hold the line on property taxes.

I ask that you continue to put your faith in me as your Chairperson by voting APRIL 5th. THANK YOU!

for TOWN SUPERVISOR #1

Candidate: Kay Lettau (Bondow)

I am a life-long resident of the Town of Clayton, long-time 4-H volunteer, and retired teacher.



As an incumbent Supervisor, I have been very actively involved in Town and Plan Commission meetings, Winnebago County's Working Lands Initiative, the Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District, ClaytonFest, and the Green Space Committee.

Automatic aid agreements for fire protection are now complete and serving us well. We must continue with our lower property tax rate, be fiscally responsible, maintain quality roads, employ wise land use practices, and preserve our quality of life. Our overall plan must be what is best for the people of the Town of Clayton.

for TOWN SUPERVISOR #2

Candidate: Linda Grundman Erdmann

I have been a resident in the Town of Clayton since May of 1958, and currently reside at 7490 South Center Road, Neenah. Graduated from Neenah High in 1970, started my first full time job at Presto Products, Inc. Completing 39 years there, I took a very early retirement.



I am an active member of Christus Lutheran Church in Greenville. I served 6 years on the Board for Fox Valley Lutheran Homes.

I would be very honored to be a part of the Clayton Town Board. If I am elected I will do my best to support the people in the township, keeping in mind what would be fair for all involved.



ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, April 5, 2011.



POLLS are OPEN from 7:00am—8:00pm



Please Help Control Garlic Mustard!

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. We 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 to the 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 in animal fur.

Winnebago County Master Gardeners will be pulling garlic mustard along the trail on

Saturday, April 30, 2011

8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Brooks Road Crossing

(1 mile west of CTH T)



We welcome your help any time that morning. Bring something to kneel on and a dandelion digger. This is not hard work; in fact, most people find it rather enjoyable. The soils along the trail are generally loose and release the plants easily this time of year.

If you cannot help with the pulling but just want to see for sure what garlic mustard looks like, you are welcome to come that day to find out.

For more information, contact Lawanda Jungwirth at ljungwirth@new.rr.com or 920.836.2878

ClaytonFest: Request for BAKED GOODS



★WANTED★

Pies/Cookies/Cupcakes/Bars

DO YOU LIKE TO BAKE?

We're looking for people who are willing to donate a baked good (or more ☺) to

The ClaytonFest 2011 Dessert Bar

Please call the Town Office at 836-2007 to let us know you will be donating a baked item (or more ☺).

Non-refrigerated items: Drop off at Town Office
Friday, June 10, 8am-4:30pm

Refrigerated items: Drop off at Dessert Barn
Saturday morning, June 11 Before 12noon



Dogs



LICENSES The State of Wisconsin requires all dogs of 5 months of age on January 1 of any year, or 5 months of age within the license year, be licensed annually (Wis. Stats. 174.05). Dog licenses issued in 2011 are valid through December 31, 2011. To obtain an annual dog license, proof of current rabies vaccination must be presented.

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

Call David Huebner at 920.836.3046 with questions.



Farmland Preservation

Some of you have already notified Kay Lettau of your wishes for the Farmland Preservation Program. Thank you. If you have not, then here is the information.

The County Steering Committee needs to know if you are or are not interested in the Farmland Preservation Program especially if you have been a past participant. Everyone's input is vital to create a plan that works best for the Town of Clayton and Winnebago County.

To be in **Farmland Preservation for 2011 tax filing:**

1. **You need to inform the County Steering Committee of your interest in having your land on the Official County Farmland Preservation Map before the County finalizes that map.**
2. **You need to complete all of the following steps before December 31, 2011:**
 - a. Talk to **Jon Barke** at **Land and Water, Winnebago County**
 - ◇ Discuss conservation compliance standards, etc.
 - b. Take **soil samples** (minimum every 4 years)
 - ◇ 10 cores for every 5 acres = 1 sample
 - ◇ Sent to one of the state-certified labs

- c. Do a **Nutrient Management Plan** with updates each year

- ◇ This must be done through a certified agronomist using the Snap Plus program or become certified in the program yourself

Tax Credit = \$7.50/acre

The Town of Clayton's representative to the County's Steering Committee is:

Kay Lettau 920-419-4849 lettau@new.rr.com

If you have been a past participant in Farmland Preservation and wish to continue, you must let Kay know A.S.A.P. Thanks again to those who already made the contact.

Websites:

Winnebago County's Farmland Preservation:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/winncofarming/>

Working Lands Initiative:

<http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/workinglands/index.jsp>





We're on the web!
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

2011 Clean Sweep—Friday, April 29, 2011 (9am-11am)

Hosted, in part, by the Town of Clayton
on

Friday, April 29, 2011

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

at the Public Works Facility

(8348 County Road T, Larsen/behind the Fire Station)

Clean Sweep is an event where **Town residents** can bring in unwanted household hazardous materials for proper disposal.

Acceptable items include:

- ✓ Rodent Baits & Poisons
- ✓ Solvents
- ✓ Rechargeable Batteries
- ✓ Gasoline
- ✓ Dioxin Materials
- ✓ Pesticides & Herbicides
- ✓ Lead/Oil-Based Paint
- ✓ Vehicle Batteries
- ✓ Anti-freeze
- ✓ Other Hazardous Waste

Or look for words on product labels such as:

CAUTION DANGER WARNING POISON
FLAMMABLE COMBUSTIBLE CORROSIVE



**Make an appointment by calling
920.832.5277 ext. 3**

If you are unable to attend this specific event, contact your respective county to get information on other options available for the proper disposal of your household hazardous waste.

This special Clean Sweep Program is sponsored by: Calumet County UW Extension, Winnebago County Recycling, and Outagamie County Department of Solid Waste. This program is funded by the sponsoring counties, with assistance from the local governments being served. Grant funds provided by the WI Dept. of Ag., Trade, and Consumer Protection. Outside funding provided by Veolia Waste Services.

Some items Clean Sweep cannot accept include:

- Latex Paint
- Explosives
- Radioactive Material (such as smoke detectors)
- Compressed Gas Tanks and Propane Cylinders
- Ammunition
- Electronics
- Fluorescent/CFL Bulbs

10TH ANNUAL CLAYTON FEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

9:30am

Dog Walk-a-Thon

11:00am - Midnight

Food & Beverages

Noon *****PARADE*****

1:00pm-7:00pm

Silent Auction

Throughout the Day

★ Dairy & Dessert Bar ★

★ Snack Shack ★

★ Tractor Show ★

★ Petting Zoo ★

★ Rescue Demos ★

★ Children's Games ★



★★**FIREWORKS**★★

Local Organizations Involved

CWFD & 1st Responders

Larsen Enhancement

Drifter Snowmobile Club

CWFD Auxiliary

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact: Town Office at 836-2007



MUSIC ALL DAY

2:00pm

Jerry Schneider Band



8:00pm-Midnight

Haze/Southern Gypsy



DO NOT RECYCLE these items in the recycle bin/cart:

- ❌ Plastic bags of any kind
- ❌ Plastic bags with recyclable items inside
- ❌ Blue Bags
- ❌ Engine oil
- ❌ Brake fluid
- ❌ Transmission fluid
- ❌ Wide mouth #2 containers
- ❌ Bathroom/diaper paper

RECYCLE the following items (LOOSE):



- ♻️ Newspaper (all sections) (LOOSE, NOT TIED or BUNDLED)
- ♻️ Corrugated Cardboard (boxes flattened, to better use cart space)
- ♻️ Magazines & Catalogs
- ♻️ Office & Writing Paper
- ♻️ Paperback Books
- ♻️ Fiberboard (soda and beer wraps, cereal and cracker boxes, etc.)
- ♻️ Aluminum Cans (rinsed out)
- ♻️ Aerosol Cans (cap & nozzle removed)
- ♻️ Glass food and beverage containers (any color, rinsed out)
- ♻️ Plastic narrow-necked bottles marked #1 and #2 (rinsed out)
- ♻️ NEW: Plastic Coffee Cans (a plastic #2 container, with a neck and base of the same width and a screw-top lid)
- ♻️ Junk Mail & Envelopes
- ♻️ Phone Books
- ♻️ Hardcover Books (w/cover & binding removed)
- ♻️ Tin Cans (labels & lids on; rinsed out)



Yard Waste Site—OPEN April 1—November 30



OPEN:

Thursday, 3:00pm-7:00pm & Saturday, 8:00am-12:00noon
(Town of Clayton Residents Only)

Accepted Items—Grass clipping, branches, leaves, brush

Items NOT Accepted—Appliances of any kind (incl. microwaves), metal, concrete, tree/bush stumps, electronics, televisions, computers, other hazardous waste, etc.



No commercial disposal allowed.



Safety Alert
Garbage & Recycle Carts



Do not place
Garbage & Recycle Carts
on the road OR
on the shoulder of the road.

Why?

- 1 They need to be placed over the culvert in your driveway
- 2 If they blow over, they may blow into the road
- 3 You may be charged to replace a damaged cart

Environmental Alert
Electronics & Appliances

Do not dump
Electronics, Televisions,
Appliances, or other items
in Town Ditches—RECYCLE.

Why?

- 1 It costs the Town of Clayton money (your tax \$) to properly dispose of items found in ditches
- 2 The Public Works Crew spends a lot of time cleaning up these items—taking away from other duties