



The Claytonite

From the Desk of the Town Chairperson

Season's Greetings,

As the calendar year 2010 comes to an end, we look forward planning for 2011 and beyond.

Due to many weather-related delays the Larsen Road project was not concluded as we had planned. We completed the binder coarse for the road surface and negotiated with the asphalt company to hold the price for the final paving coarse until Spring of 2011. This will give us a unique opportunity to observe the base construction of the road for any potential soft spots and any corrections will be made before completion. Final landscaping and ditch work will also be completed in the spring. Following our established 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, we are now addressing road construction and chip sealing needs throughout the Town for next year. Please take a minute the next time you are in our Town Office to check out the future road map and plans.

At a Special Town Electors meeting on November 15th, the residents attending voted to move forward with renovation plans to combine our Town Hall and Fire Station. Our goal is to have potential funding for the project defined and possibly approved as early as our April 2011 Annual Meeting, with a projected start

date of Spring of 2012. We are confident that with the multiple uses that the renovated facility will afford us, we will have an excellent opportunity to secure additional funding from several outside sources. We will continue our cooperative efforts with our neighboring communities as we continue planning forward.



Finally, your Board and Town staff worked tirelessly on next years budget, with the goal to hold the line on your Town's portion of your upcoming property taxes. I am proud to say we accomplished our goal. The 2011 Tax Mill Rate will remain at last years rate of \$2.46/thousand.

I want to take a moment to commend your Town Board, Plan Commission, and Green Space Committee members, along with our Administrator, Clerk, Treasurer, and the entire Public Works Department, for all of their hard work and dedication to our Town over the past year. We are truly blessed with tremendous individuals working for all of the residents in the Town of Clayton.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a safe winter season and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mark E. Luebke

CLAYTONFEST June 11, 2011

Property Taxes—Hours of Collection & Location

In-Person

At the Town Office
Monday—Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm

Office Closed for Holidays:

Thursday, Dec. 23 & Friday, Dec. 24
Thursday, Dec. 30 & Friday, Dec. 31

By Mail—Send to: Town of Clayton

P.O. Box 13, Larsen, WI 54947
(To receive a receipt for payments made by mail, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope)

Installment Payments:

1st Installment: Due January 31, 2011
Paid to Town of Clayton

2nd Installment: Due July 31, 2011
Paid to Winnebago County Treasurer
P.O. Box 2808
Oshkosh, WI 54903

(Do not send 2nd Installment payments to the Town of Clayton)

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Water Testing Program—December



PICK-UP Water Sampling Bottles: Dec. 15—Jan. 5

Pick up bottles during Office Hours from the Town Office beginning December 15, 2010.

DROP-OFF Information: Thursday, January 6, 2011

Drop off your bottles at the Town Office on Thursday, January 6, 2011, OR at Clean Water Testing prior to January 6, 2011.

Educational Meeting: Thursday, January 27, 2011

There will be an "Educational Meeting" 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 each:

Bacteria (coliform & ecoli) (Regular price \$26)

PACKAGE OPTIONS:

Home Safety Package \$95: (Regular price \$129)

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

Complete Water Package \$349: (Regular price \$499)

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

Yard Waste Site

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREE DROP-OFF HOURS:

**Mon., January 17, 2011—8am
Through
Mon., January 24, 2011—3pm**

Accepted Items

Christmas Trees ONLY



Dog/Cat Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, January 15, 2011

1:00pm-3:00pm

**Clayton Fire Station
8348 County Road T, Larsen**

Sponsored by:

Omro Animal Hospital and the Lions Club

Vaccines Available

**Rabies, Distemper Combo, Lyme, Bordetella,
Feline Leukemia & Heartworm Test**

2011 DOG LICENSES

will be available at this clinic

**\$5.00 spayed/neutered, \$10 unspayed/unneutered
(Town of Clayton Annual Dog License Fees)**

New FIRE NUMBERS Notice

911

The Town of Clayton will be installing a new FIRE NUMBER and post in 2011 for properties within the Town. The Public Works Department will install them throughout the year, beginning in late spring.

The cost will be assessed on the CY 2011 Taxes Payable in 2012, and will appear on your tax bill as a special assessment.

The FIRE NUMBERS will be a 2-sided flag version, visible from either direction of traffic flow. The numbers are required to have a specific location and must remain in the location in which they are installed—they are

not to be removed or relocated.

These numbers are being installed to aid the various Emergency Services within the Town of Clayton. This will ensure that the First Responders, Ambulance, Fire Department, and Winnebago County Sheriff Department can quickly and easily identify the location where an emergency situation is located.



Mark your Calendars for 2011 Clean Sweep

By Jennifer Semrau, Recycling Specialist
Winnebago County

The Clayton Public Works Facility
(8348 County Road T, Larsen)

will host a **Clean Sweep** event on:

Friday, April 29, 2011

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

Acceptable items include:

- lead and oil-based paint
- varnish/stain
- Pesticides
- weed killers
- automotive fluids (gasoline, transmission fluid, etc.)
- Acids
- pool chemicals
- Aerosols

- Solvents
- mercury-containing items (thermometers/thermostats)
- toxic household cleaners
- and more

Or look for these words on product labels:
FLAMMABLE, POISON, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, etc.

Some items Clean Sweep cannot accept include:

- latex paint
- propane cylinders
- medications/pharmaceuticals
- medical waste
- Ammunition
- explosives

Exact hours of the event will be determined soon, so watch for additional promotion in the next few months. This Clean Sweep is sponsored by the Winnebago County Solid Waste Management Board.



Public Works Department

SAFETY ALERT—SNOW REMOVAL

Please do not push snow across the road.



Why?

- 1 It creates a hazard for snow plow drivers and motorists traveling on the road; the furrows become hard-packed/frozen and create a road hazard
- 2 It is ILLEGAL to do so, per Wisconsin State Statutes.



SAFETY ALERT— GARBAGE & RECYCLE CARTS

Please do not place Garbage & Recycle Containers on the road or shoulder of the road.



Why?

- 1 The snow plow may hit the containers
- 2 If they blow over, they may blow into the road, creating a hazard for motorists and the snow plows
- 3 They need to be placed over the culvert in your driveway

ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT— ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL

Please do not dump electronics, televisions, appliances, or other items in Town ditches—RECYCLE



Why?

- 1 It costs the Town of Clayton money 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
- 3 County Landfill accepts many items
- 4 Special Electronics recyclers handle electronic items

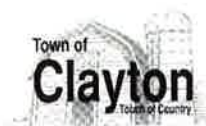
ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT— RECYCLE YOUR USED WASTE OIL

We heat part of the Public Works Shop with clean waste oil/RECYCLE with us

Why?

- 1 You don't have to dispose of it at a cost
- 2 It saves money for your Town





We're on the web!
www.townofclayton.net

Stamp

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
(2011 hours TBD)

CONTROL BURN 920-727-2890

Farmland Preservation

The County Steering Committee needs to know if you are interested in the Farmland Preservation Program. Everyone's input is vital to create a plan that works best for the Town of Clayton and Winnebago County.

This is basically a **"Now-or-Never"** decision to insure that your farm can stay as farmland.

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

1. **You need 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**
 - B. Take **soil samples** (minimum every 4 years)
 - *10 cores for every 5 acres = 1 sample
 - *Samples 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
You must let Kay know A.S.A.P. if you wish to participate in Farmland Preservation.

Websites:

Winnebago County's Farmland Preservation:
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/winncofarming/>

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

