

From the Desk of the Town Chairman



Summer in Wisconsin often means orange cones and road work, Clayton is no different. We are currently working on several road projects, including the total reconstruction of Clayton Ave from County Road II to just short of Larsen Rd. The remaining part of the road is maintained by the Town of Neenah. We have 75 road miles in the Town and road maintenance is one of our biggest expenses. We have an ever growing need for repairs, reconstruction and new road standards. Your Board has now put together a 5 year capital construction plan / fund to help address this and our future road needs going forward.

Clayton Fire Rescue keeps getting better. I am pleased to announce that Cindy Pfankuch is now our EMS Division Chief overseeing, coordinating and training of our First Responders. She is experienced, dedicated and doing a great job in a very challenging volunteer position. We have also added a new (used) engine #43, complete with a new set of Jaws of Life to round out our equipment needs. This is in keeping us at the forefront of responding to the protection of our residents and saving lives.

In April the Town of Menasha residents approved a referendum for the incorporation of the new Village of Fox Crossing. As I mentioned before they are not willing to enter into any Boarder Agreements with Clayton. As of a March 2nd vote by the GCMW Commission we have also now been blocked from buying into the Grand Chute Menasha West Waste Water Treatment Facility. These two moves by themselves speak volumes of the new Village's intent for annexation of portions of the Town of Clayton. In fact these are actual quotes taken from the Appleton Post Crescent, 3-31-16 *"If the opportunity presented itself, I would certainly look at annexing in either of those areas," "Geise and Youngquist have discussed a two-year moratorium on annexations, similar to the pact with the Town of Neenah, but the Town of Menasha Board took no action."*

As a Town we will not sit idly by and let this happen. For the first time in our 166 year history as a Town we now face the possibility that Clayton may not remain Clayton. We can possibly lose parts of Clayton to the new Village. At the Annual meeting the residents took an extraordinary step and let it be known they also want us to do whatever it takes to preserve our current borders and protect the future growth of the Town. By motion they have given the Board authority to buy and sell properties along Town boarders with the new Village. They also approved the right to enter into rights of first refusal with property owners along the same boarders. The acquisitions of certain properties is intended to thwart or possibly halt the change of our Town borders and hopefully buy us time to get the needed services to that area.

As a Board we are humbled and honored at this level of trust that has been placed in us. We all want to preserve why we call Clayton home. We will not abuse this privilege nor make a move that will adversely affect our levy. Believe me I live here and feel the effects of any increases just like you.

In the meantime we are exploring any and all opportunities to bring utilities to the East side of Clayton. This is the area that is most exposed to annexation because of the utility services offered by the new Village. If we do this right we can grow Clayton and still keep our Country appeal, the farms and green space that we all cherish. If not, it will be the Village of Fox Crossing that will build us wall to wall the same as they have done to the former Town of Menasha.

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We cannot stop the growth and it will happen with us or without us. Especially, in the areas along Clayton Ave, West American Drive, the Hwy 10 and 76 corridors. For Clayton it is a matter of securing and maintaining our current Town borders and future growth. Without question, it is in our best interest to make sure it is Clayton not the new Village that dictates and decides how our future takes shape. Sticking our heads in the sand and pretending it is not true won't change what we know is true. We need Clayton to be Clayton for another 166 years!

As always I will end by encouraging 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 do listen and try to make the best decisions we can for our, your Town. The Town of Clayton is more than a "Touch of Country", "We Are the Best Place to Be"!

Russell D. Geise – Town Board Chair



Clayton Fire Rescue
8348 County Road T - Larsen, 54947

The Clayton Fire Rescue (CFR) team has been very busy this spring. We completed our bi-annual CPR and Emergency Medical Responder training in March. We have purchased a used Fire Engine. We have put in a lot of hours doing updates and mounting our equipment. We have been training on its operation and it will be in service and ready to respond by the time you read this letter. In June we will be conducting a training drill on auto extrication. We have started a daytime training session each month for the members who are working during our evening training session.

We had our first visit from the Community Blood Center on April 5th. The Blood Mobile will be at the fire station every 8 weeks on the first Tuesday of the month. The next visit will be on June 7th from 6 pm until 8 pm. I encourage all of our residents to donate. Please contact the Community Blood Center website to sign up.

Applications are now being accepted for the positions of Firefighter and Emergency Medical Responder. If you would like to know more about becoming a team member of Clayton Fire Rescue please stop in or give me a call. **The station number is 920-836-2170.**

Please call the Sheriff's Department Communications Center at 920-727-2890 before you burn and when you are done burning. You also need to watch the fire the entire time it is burning. This information helps us respond appropriately if someone else sees the fire and reports it.

Stay Safe out there,
Scott Rieckmann - Fire Chief

Plan Commission

On one condition ... or maybe a couple

By Dick Knapinski
Plan Commission Chairman



Our town's plan commission occasionally receives land use requests that aren't usually allowed as part of a certain property's zoning. It may be a landowner who wants to start a home business or wants to build a structure that is not formally permitted in that certain zoning.

The Town of Clayton's zoning code specifically indicates what type of structures and business are allowed or not allowed in certain zoning districts. For instance, a single-family house is allowed in nearly all agricultural and residential zoning districts. Conversely, a salvage yard is not permitted in any agricultural or residential districts.

For uses that are not expressly permitted or expressly prohibited, some come under the heading of "conditional use." That can be for things ranging from a structure to a business to livestock.

A conditional use is "a land use that would not be appropriate generally or without restriction throughout a specified area, but if controlled as to the number, area, location, or relation to the surrounding properties by the imposition of appropriate conditions, could promote the public health, safety, or general welfare." Applying that definition is a combination of art and science.

The town's zoning code, available on the town's website under "Town Ordinances & Policies," attempts to cover numerous land use possibilities. As with any written code, some complex requests fall between the categories. This is where the Plan Commission works with town staff to determine what effects a certain use might have on the land, as well as on its neighbors and the public infrastructure.

Example A: A family makes quilts in their subdivision home and each week, loads them into their minivan and sells them at the local farmers' market. That's permitted under town zoning. But the quilts become so popular that the family hires an employee, wants to build a small quilt-making building next to their house and sell quilts from that building. That would require a conditional use permit. Why? That land use affects their neighbors, the original use of the property, and traffic in the subdivision.

Example B: In a subdivision zoned R-2 (Suburban residential – common for subdivisions), a family wants to keep chickens. This requires a conditional use permit. Why? While keeping chickens in residential areas is more popular in recent years, it creates potential conflicts with neighboring properties. Free-roaming chickens could find themselves against a neighbor's dog or in the street as a traffic hazard. What may seem harmless to one resident is a potential problem to another.

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The Plan Commission and town staff consider each conditional use application separately. Among the factors are:

- Is it allowed within the property's zoning? Would the activity or use be possible without a conditional use permit?
- Is there a plan for controlling and maintaining the specific use?
- Would allowing the condition create any hardship or nuisance for neighbors?
- Any possible health hazards?
- Any extra burdens on town infrastructure, such as traffic, road weight limits, stormwater runoff, and so forth?

Neighboring property owners are notified when a conditional use application is made. Their input is welcomed at a public hearing prior to consideration of the application. Possible conflicts are considered, although "I don't want it next door" is not a strong argument if all other conditions are met. As always, the best way to keep peace with the neighbors is to discuss things with each other before reaching the town government level.

The conditions placed by the Plan Commission and Town Board can include hours of operation, type of building, outdoor storage, number of units or animals allowed, and more. A conditional use permit can also have a regular review interval to ensure that the conditions are met.

If a landowner habitually violates the conditions, the permit can be revoked. In addition, conditional use permits often lapse if the activity no longer takes for a certain period, such as a year.

The availability of conditional use permits does not replace zoning code regulations. It does, however, provide flexibility for property owners while supplying oversight and safeguards for the town and its residents.

Dick Knapinski - Plan Commission Chairman



BENEFIT FOR DAWN WALTER ...AND STROKE AWARENESS

Saturday, May 21, 2016 2pm to Midnight

Winchester Town Hall (8522 Parkway Rd, Larsen, WI)

(Raffles end at 8pm) ♦ ♦ ♦ **Please see enclosed flyer (Page 8) for more information.**

Stroke Prevention

Know your ABC's of health:

Appropriate **Aspirin** therapy: Ask your doctor if taking aspirin is right for you.

Blood pressure control: Keeping your blood pressure under control reduces your risk of heart attack and stroke.

More than half of the world's stroke deaths are caused by elevated blood pressure levels.

Cholesterol management: Get your cholesterol checked regularly and manage it with diet and physical activity or with medication, if needed.

- **Smoking cessation: Get help at 1-800-QUIT-NOW.**
- **Eat a healthy diet that's low in sodium.**
- **Prevent or control diabetes.**
- **Limit your alcohol intake (fewer than two drinks per day for men, or one drink per day for women).**
- **Exercise regularly.**
- **Maintain a healthy weight.**

Distracted Driving

Spring time is a great time to remind your teen of the dangers of texting and driving as well as making safe decisions when driving. The Winnebago County Teen Safety Coalition has been working hard to spread the message to teens about the dangers of distracted driving and has joined forces with the Oshkosh and Neenah School districts. From enforcement, to distracted driving simulators placed in the schools as well as signs posted throughout the halls, students are being reminded of the dangers of distracted driving.

With this initiative taking place, it is also a good time for parents to get involved and talk with their teens about being a safe and responsible driver. Parents can be the biggest influence on teen drivers and if they set these six simple rules setup by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) they can have a big influence on their teen driver.

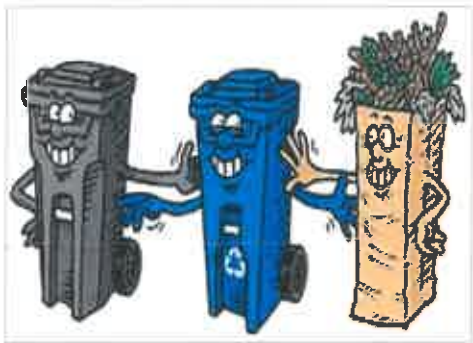
- **No cell phones while driving**
- **No extra passengers**
- **No speeding**
- **No alcohol**
- **No eating while driving**
- **No driving or riding without a seatbelt**



Although these are great messages for our young drivers, it is also a good reminder for all of us that while driving, we need to be focused on the road and put the distractions away.

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 has re-opened as of April 2nd and will close after Sunday, November 27th, 2016.



Hours are as follows:

Thur. 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Sat. 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sun. 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

(Except Holidays)

Bicycle Safety

Spring has officially arrived, and with that, we will begin to see more people out riding their bicycles for fun and exercise. Bicycle riding can be a fun and healthy activity for everyone, but it is important that we remember to be safe when riding. Before using your bike again, be sure that it is ready to ride, and always inspect your bike to make sure all the parts are secure and working properly.

If we all follow some these simple steps listed below before riding, we greatly reduce the chances of being injured.

- ◆ **Wear a properly fitted helmet.**
- ◆ **Check your equipment.**
- ◆ **Control your bicycle.**
- ◆ **Avoid riding at night.**
- ◆ **Stay alert at all times.**
- ◆ **Look before turning.**
- ◆ **Adjust your bicycle to fit.**
- ◆ **See and be seen.**
- ◆ **Watch and avoid hazards.**
- ◆ **Go with traffic flow and obey traffic laws.**

Following these simple steps will help reduce your chance of injury while riding your bike.



Clayton Fest 2016



Town of Clayton

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A Touch of Country

Friday, June 10th

"Good Tyme Multimedia "Featuring "DJ Joe" 5-8 pm

Car Show 5-8 pm

FOOD: Burgers | Brats | Hot dogs | Steak Sandwiches

WVBO 103.9 FM On-site

LIVE BAND | BEAKER STREET 8pm to Midnight

Saturday June 11th

Parade at noon (Float entry free) | Dessert Bar & Bake Sale

(Immanuel Lutheran Church) | Children's Games

Winnebago 4-H Petting Zoo (Cavanaugh Carriages)

Karaoke/DJ with Donnie and the Classics 1:00-4:00pm

Illusionist 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. | Corn Hole Tournament 2pm

Cody Cavanaugh Freestyle MotoX 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm

"Good Tyme Multimedia "Featuring "DJ Joe" 4-8

pm

NASH FM 99.5 On-site

LIVE BAND: GEORGIA OVERDRIVE

8:00 pm to midnight

Fireworks at 10:00 pm



WAHS Plant, Book and Bake Sale and Garden Fair June 4, 2016

The Winchester Area Historical Society will be holding their annual Plant, Book and Bake Sale on Saturday June 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the historical society grounds in conjunction with the Winchester Town rummage sales. Planning on dividing up some of your perennials this spring or thinning out your raspberry patch? Consider donating some to the WAHS plant sale. We are accepting books and magazines for the sale as well. We would also greatly appreciate baked goods on the date of the sale. All proceeds benefit the Winchester Area Historical Society.

New this year will be the Garden Fair with crafters and vendors selling their merchandise. The WAHS will have a garden boutique with gardening related items. If you have some gently used gardening hand tools, pots, garden flags, vases, gazing balls, whirligigs, shepherds hooks, watering cans, bird houses, bird feeders, bird baths or other garden related items please donate them for our garden boutique.

Please contact Sally Gilson at svgilson@gmail.com or 920-582-7578 if you have questions.

Sally Gilson

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...AND STROKE AWARENESS

50/50 Raffle "Break-A-Plate"
Henna Tattoos **Food & Drinks** **Silent Auction**
Face Painting
Games Basket Raffle **Fishing Tank**
Bake Sale Live Entertainment
Band: **Coldshot** DJ: **Rhythm of the Night**

Saturday, May 21, 2016 2pm – Midnight
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8522 Parkway Ln, Larsen, WI 54947
(Raffles end at 8pm)



On October 26th, 2015 Dawn suffered a massive stroke causing left side paralysis. Due to the disabilities the stroke has caused, she is unable to return to work. Also, Dawn and her husband Gene are unable to return volunteering as emergency first responders for the Clayton-Winchester Fire Dept.



Let's help offset the cost of home renovations to make her home wheelchair/handicap accessible and with the cost of medical bills.

This is a Cash Only event!

Special Thanks to:

The Mob Bear Creek

Contact: Kat Walter 920-379-1223



Visit Facebook for updates and sponsors: **Dawn's Spark Benefit**