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The Claytonite



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2014 General Election

Absentee Voting

How to apply for an absentee ballot

Please note: 2011 Act 227 prohibits a voter who has voted and returned an absentee ballot from voting at the polling place on Election day. If you are not already registered, you will need to [register to vote](#) before an absentee ballot can be sent to you.

Request by Mail

Download the [Application For Absentee Ballot](#) (GAB-121). Complete the form and mail it to your municipal clerk's office. Town of Clayton, 8348 County Road T, Larsen, WI 54947.

Request by E-Mail or Fax

A voter may request that a ballot be sent to them by sending an e-mail or fax to their municipal clerk. Town of Clayton, 8348 County Road T, Larsen, WI 54947. This request must be made no later than 5:00 pm on the Thursday before the election which is **October 30, 2014** in order for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you.

In-Person at your Municipal Clerk's Office

In-person absentee voting runs for two weeks before an election which is **October 20 to 30th 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and ending at 5 pm on October 31, 2014** or the close of business (whichever is later) on the Friday before the election.

If you apply for an absentee ballot in your municipal clerk's office, you must vote immediately, seal your ballot in the proper envelope, and return it to a member of the clerk's staff. No ballots may be taken from the clerk's office.

Instructions for Completing Absentee Ballot

Uniform instructions for absentee voters: Please refer to the following websites: gab.wi.gov or myvote.wi.org.

Deadline for Returning Ballot: The completed ballot must either be delivered to the clerk no later than election day or postmarked no later than election day and received by the municipal clerk no later than 4 p.m. on the Friday after the election which is November 7, 2014.

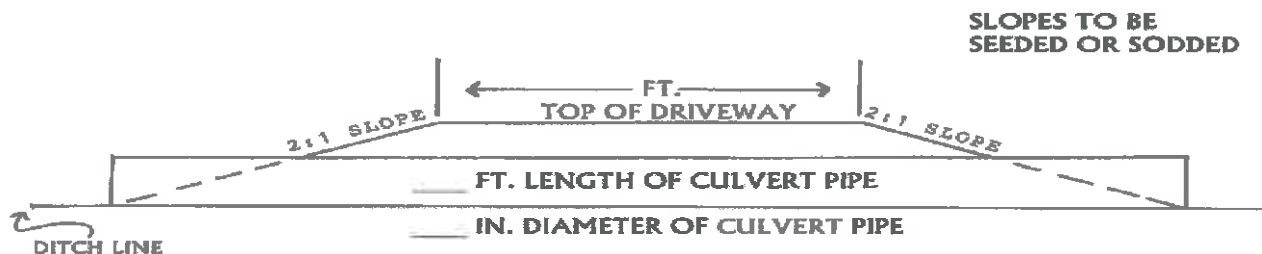
- Please note that there are exceptions for military and overseas voters. Please refer to the [Military and Overseas Voting](#) page for rules.
- The letter from the GAB dated October 10, 2014 on Voter Photo ID is enclosed.

Winchester Area Historical Society's John J. and Ethel Keller Local History Center and Library

The Winchester Area Historical Society has a library that is open to the public. It is located in the heart of Winchester at 5186 County Road II. The society serves the towns of Clayton, Vinland, Winchester and Wolf River. The WAHS library has been collecting local history material, church and cemetery records, school information, plat books, and town histories, in addition the library has a collection of children's materials, a vast U.S. history section, and popular adult fiction for check out. The library has been actively creating a collection of Wisconsin related books including fiction books by Wisconsin authors and nonfiction books covering different aspects of Wisconsin including history, gardening, cooking and travel. The library specializes in genealogy materials for people interested in tracing their family's heritage. The library is open Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Thursdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. You can call 920-836-9513 to set up a special appointment if these times do not work for you.



Culvert and Access Permit



1. Culverts must be new corrugated metal pipes with end walls.
2. Culverts minimum length: 30' X 18" or 30' X 15" X 21".
3. Culverts for a single access (12' lane) driveway may be 20' X 18" or 20' X 15" X 21".
4. When the upstream and downstream culverts are larger than 18" in diameter, the diameter of the new culvert shall be the average of the two upstream and two downstream culverts.
5. All culverts shall be installed with the flow line of the culvert at the flow line of the stormwater management ditch.
6. All culverts shall be bedded in 12 inches of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch clear stone with the clear stone extended 3-feet past the end of the pan of the culvert end wall.
7. All culverts shall have a minimum of 12 inches of cover.
8. Existing single lane driveways may use a minimum of a 22-foot culvert with end walls.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: The Property Owner will be SPECIAL ASSESSED for the actual cost of repairing any damage that occurs to the Town's Public Infrastructure as a result of the installation of any culvert or construction of a new home in the Town of Clayton.

October is Fire Safety Awareness Month

Home Fire Facts

- In 2011, U.S. fire departments responded to 370,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,910 civilian injuries, 2,520 civilian deaths, \$6.9 billion in direct damage.
- On average, seven people died in U.S. home fires per day from 2007 to 2011.
- Cooking is the leading cause home fires and home fire injuries, followed heating equipment.
- Smoking is a leading cause of civilian home fire deaths.
- Most fatal fires kill one or two people. In 2012, 8 home fires killed five or more people resulting in a total of 44 deaths.
- Many fires are a result of cooking. Microwave ovens are one of the leading home products associated with scald burn injuries not related to fires. According to the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, two out of five of the microwave oven injuries seen at emergency rooms in 2011 were scald burns.



Fire Prevention Tips and Facts

- Make sure your home is equipped with smoke detectors, heat sensors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Check the batteries in the spring and fall and replace as needed.
- Make sure your fire extinguisher is easily accessible and in working order.
- Clean your chimneys before, during and after the heating season. Creosote build-up may cause a fire.
- Plan an escape plan and review it regularly. Please see that all stairwells and hallway areas are free of clutter. Plan a meeting place upon exiting the residence.
- Have a list of the home occupants (adults, children, pets) in plain view to assist firefighters.
- A useful website on Fire Safety for Families can be accessed at: <https://www.boldindustries.com>
- Fast facts about fire can be access through the National Fire Protection Association (nfpa) website.

Dog Licenses

Also a reminder to renew your dog licenses when paying taxes.

- ♦ Spayed/Neutered-\$5/dog
- ♦ Not spayed/neutered-\$10/dog
- ♦ Kennel license/5+dogs-\$40

If you find a stray dog or animal in the Town of Clayton please contact the animal control officer, David Huebner at 920-836-3046. Stray animals should be turned into the Neenah Animal Shelter.



Plan Commission

What does 'A Touch of Country' look like?

By Dick Knapinski

Plan Commission Chairman

More than 20 years ago, Clayton adopted the phrase "A Touch of Country" as a tagline that described a vision for our town. It attempted to balance a long rural tradition with the reality of a growing, multi-city metropolitan area adjacent to it.

In many ways, it's a great phrase. It's easy to like. Most of us can personally visualize what it means to us and what it looks like. It has a certain ring of both community and individuality. We hope to have it all – the best of both worlds with nearby resources and our own space.

In other ways, "A Touch of Country" is a hurdle that creates planning conflicts within the town, both today and for the decades to come. It gets tougher to move from imagery to functionality. "A Touch of Country" is a very personal concept with a common name, similar to "family values," "personal freedom," or even the "Find Your Own Beach" campaign currently used by a beer company.

"A Touch of Country" is usually brought up when there is conflict on a particular concept. I used it myself prior to being involved with the town's governmental units, when I spoke in opposition to a proposal. It has been used by individuals when describing what they personally envision, as well as by widely varied groups – as described by community planners – ranging from NIMBYs (Not In My Backyard) to BOIBIMs (Build On It Because It's Mine) to BANANAs (Build Absolutely Nothing Anytime Near Anything).

Even when we generally agree on a vision, differences come when the phrase is applied to roads, to future development, or to individual areas of our town. For instance, does "A Touch of Country" mean:

- One acre, 10 acres, or 200 acres? Our own piece of "country" or a commonly shared one?
- Different things depending on the area of town where you live, such as the east side or west side?
- A sense of cooperative, welcoming community? Or the right to be left alone and not bothered by anyone?
- A never-changing view outside our windows, even if we don't personally own much of the land within that view?
- A sense of peace and quiet? Or the ability to do "country"-type things, such as drive ATVs or shoot firearms as one wants?

How do you answer those questions and similar ones? There's no "right" answer as they are often highly personal and based on our own experiences and emotions. Some of your fellow Clayton residents will respond at the full opposite end of the spectrum. Add outside influences beyond our control, such as the Highway 10/441 expansion, the railroads through our town, and economic development pressure from the Fox Cities, and it becomes more complex, especially when considering our town 10 to 30 years from now.

What is "A Touch of Country"? It is a simple statement, a highly personal answer, and a big community challenge.



Ways to Prepare Your Home and Vehicle for Winter

- ◆ Tune up your heating system, fireplace and/or wood pellet stoves. Clean out your chimney/vents.
- ◆ Reverse your ceiling fans to distribute heat
- ◆ Prevent ice dams in your gutters to avoid water draining into your residence
- ◆ Get on your roof and clean leaves/debris out of your gutters and check for loose shingles
- ◆ Caulk around windows and doors
- ◆ Add extensions to your down spouts to take water away from your residence
- ◆ Turn off exterior faucets and drain water to prevent the lines from freezing
- ◆ Drain your lawn irrigation system
- ◆ Mulch your leaves into the lawn to nourish your lawn over the winter
- ◆ Store your lawn mower and add fuel stabilizer to the gas
- ◆ Do not prune trees or shrubs until late winter before spring growth begins
- ◆ Test your sump pump. Your average sump pump lasts about 10 years.
- ◆ Restock your winter essentials such as Ice Melt salt and shovels
- ◆ Take your car to a mechanic to check the battery, antifreeze, thermostat, heater, brakes and defroster.
- ◆ Check your tires and windshield wipers and replace as needed. Use windshield washer fluid that is meant for winter temperatures.
- ◆ Keep your gas tank half full to prevent condensation and easier starting.
- ◆ Make sure you have an ice scraper/brush, blankets, flashlight and non-perishable snacks for if you get stranded.
- ◆ Always keep your lights on during rain, snow, fog and overcast weather.
- ◆ Plan your trip ahead of time and listen to the news before leaving for accidents and/or delays.
- ◆ If you are in an accident get your car to the side of the road, turn on your hazard lights and run your motor sparingly to stay warm

2014 Property Taxes

The 2014 real estate and personal property tax bills are tentatively scheduled to be mailed during the third week of December. Tax Payments will be accepted in the Town Office (8348 County Road T, Larsen) from 10:00am-4:00pm M-F (except holidays). Payments brought in prior to 10:00am will be mailed a receipt. Payments can also be mailed to our office or dropped in the Town's drop box by the Office door and a receipt will be sent back to you. After January 31, 2015 all payments go to Winnebago County. All Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District water bills must be paid by November 15, 2014 to avoid being added to your property tax bill.

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 is open April 3 through November 30, 2014.

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)

TOWN OF CLAYTON

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E-mail: tocclerk@new.rr.com



A Touch of Country

Answers to the 2014 summer word find are also attached.

Daylight Savings Time History

**Daylight Savings Time is Saturday, November 2nd, 2014.
Please turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed.**

Daylight Savings Time (DST) is a change in the standard time with the purpose of making better use of daylight and conserving energy. Clocks are generally set ahead by one hour during DST, meaning that the Sun rises one hour later in the morning and sets one hour later than it otherwise would have done. Although DST has only been used for about 100 years, the idea was conceived many years before.



American inventor and politician Benjamin Franklin is often credited with being the inventor of DST. In his 1784 essay "An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light" he proposed to economize the use of candles by getting people out of bed earlier in the morning to make use of the morning sunlight.

US President Franklin D. Roosevelt instituted year-round DST in the United States, called "War Time" during World War II from February 9, 1942 to September 30, 1945. The change was implemented 40 days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and during this time, the [U.S. time zones](#) were called "Eastern War Time", "Central War Time", and "Pacific War Time". After the surrender of Japan in mid-August 1945, the time zones were relabeled "Peace Time".



Government Accountability Board

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Voter Photo ID Requirement Halted by U.S. Supreme Court

Posted in Clerks Voter ID

Priority: High Priority

Date: October 10, 2014

To: Wisconsin County Clerks

Wisconsin Municipal Clerks

City of Milwaukee Election Commission

Milwaukee County Election Commission

From: Michael Haas, Elections Division Administrator

Attachment

Size

Clerk communication photo ID supreme court order 10.10.14 updated.pdf

47.01 KB

Voter Photo ID Guidance 2014-4

This memorandum has been updated from the version originally posted today. It includes a reference to new uniform instructions for absentee voters in Item 1 and corrected the form number in item 7.

As you may have learned already, last night the U.S. Supreme Court ordered that the photo ID requirement will not be in effect for the November 4, 2014 General Election. The Court, by a 6-3 vote, reinstated an injunction against the law which was previously issued by the federal court in the Eastern District of Wisconsin. The Supreme Court's order will be in effect until either the Court rules on the plaintiff's appeal if an appeal is filed within 90 days, or until the expiration of the appeal deadline in 90 days.

Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.) staff and local election officials have worked diligently to implement the photo ID requirement since the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals order of September 12, 2014, and we appreciate that effort to assist and educate voters and election inspectors. On behalf of the Board and the State, we thank you for all of your hard work and attention to detail as the photo ID requirement was implemented over the past four weeks. Please convey our appreciation to your staff and election inspectors as well, for their efforts and being flexible in accommodating changes in the voting laws and procedures.

With 25 days remaining before Election Day, we now need to focus on implementing procedures without the photo ID requirement, providing updated training to election inspectors, and informing voters about the proper procedures during absentee voting and at polling places.

We will provide additional guidance to address this transition and questions that arise. To address some of the most immediate issues, please keep in mind the following points as you process absentee ballots, deploy special voting deputies, and prepare for Election Day:

1. All absentee ballots should be processed without requiring that the elector submit a copy of his or her photo ID, including ballots which were issued prior to the Court of Appeals order of September 12, 2014. Any absentee ballot requests which you have been holding because a copy of the photo ID has not been submitted must be immediately fulfilled. Revised uniform instructions have been posted at <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/voters-uniform-military> which we encourage you to use for new absentee ballot requests. Absentee ballots and ballots cast on Election Day by electors who do not submit a photo ID, and which are otherwise valid, are not to be treated as provisional ballots.
2. While election officials are not to require electors to provide or present photo ID as a condition of obtaining a ballot, clerks should continue to process any photo ID that is submitted during the mail-in absentee process. The copy of the Photo ID should be retained with the voter's file and the clerk must keep a record that photo ID has been submitted for that voter, by using either the Statewide Voter Registration System or some other documentation. If the photo ID requirement is reinstated for future elections, a copy that is submitted by a mail-in absentee voter will satisfy the photo ID requirement for future mail absentee requests, provided that the elector does not change his or her name or address.
3. If you have sent absentee ballots to electors who reside in a residential care facility that is eligible for special voting deputy service, but which will not be served by special voting deputies, and who are also not indefinitely confined, a letter should be sent indicating that the photo ID requirement is enjoined and they are not required to either provide a copy of their proof of identification with their ballot or have an authorized representative of the facility verify their identity. The G.A.B. will provide a form letter for this purpose.
4. The Sample Type E Notice posted on the G.A.B. website included a sentence indicating that photo ID was required to obtain an absentee ballot. Because the Type E Notice was to be published by this past Tuesday, October 7, it does not need to be re-published. However, you should be aware that electors who appear for in-person absentee voting may believe a photo ID is required based upon your Type E Notice. For notices which are posted, the last sentence of the first paragraph should be deleted.
5. Emphasize to special voting deputies that the photo ID requirement is not in effect for voters residing in a nursing home or other adult-care facility. While those voters were able to satisfy the requirement by the signatures of the special voting deputies on the certificate envelope, special voting deputies should be reminded that they should not tell the elector that the photo ID requirement is in effect for the General Election.
6. Emphasize to election inspectors that they must not request that an elector present a photo ID before a ballot is issued. If an elector offers to present a photo ID, the inspector should advise the voter that the requirement is not in effect. Inspectors should work to avoid creating an impression for voters waiting in line that they will need to present a photo ID. No signs should be posted which state or imply that the elector must present a photo ID as a condition of receiving a ballot.
7. The GAB-190 and Wisconsin Election Data Collection System (WEDCS) have been revised to eliminate the option to record provisional ballots issued due to a voter not presenting photo ID. We also plan to revise the Provisional Ballot Tracking System and Form GAB-123(r) to remove the option to record provisional ballot information due to the lack of a photo ID. We will provide additional information about other forms or systems that will be updated to reflect the court injunction for the General Election.

This latest court development will create new challenges for clerks, SVD's, inspectors, and voters to minimize confusion and uncertainty. As always, we appreciate your continuing extraordinary efforts and will do all that we can to answer questions, assist you in implementing the law, and communicate with voters. If you have any questions, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov or (608) 261-2028. Thank you.

Summer Word Search

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FLOWER
TOMATOES
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POPSICLE
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MELON
BIKE

SAND
DIRT
PITCH
FISHING
ZOO
TEA
CROCS
POOL
BUGS
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