



FROM WILDERNESS TO CIVILIZATION **THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT**

There is no more contentious issue in representative democracies than the proper role of government in civil society and the impact government has on citizen's lives. One way to look at government's role is to contrast the State of Wilderness with the State of Civilization. In the State of Wilderness order imposed by government is lacking. Wilderness is characterized by lawlessness, individualism and in some cases anarchy. Civilization, on the other hand, is identified by the rule of law, a collective approach to meeting society's needs and civil discourse. The westward expansion of the United States in the early 1800's illustrates the movement from Wilderness to Civilization. At first there was Wilderness then that Wilderness became a territory and finally territories became States within the United States.

Today we are a mature democracy and the oldest in the world, but the future role of government continues to be debated and discussed. How much civilization do we want? How much are we prepared to pay for and how much control shall government have over our lives and property? None of these are new questions and the discussion about government cost and services continue.

In the Town of Hull the major funding source for government services is the property tax. This is true of all Wisconsin local government including towns, villages, cities and counties. The property tax provides 57% of Hull revenue. But the distribution of the annual property tax revenues is somewhat surprising when you look at the direct government service Hull householders receives. By percentage, the distribution of the 2012 property tax you paid was – Hull

(15%), Portage County (32%), Stevens Point Schools (42%) and Midstate Technical College (10%). A small percentage (1%) goes to the State of Wisconsin.

Another way to understand the property tax is to look at changes in the tax from year to year. The increase/decrease in the property tax payments to the four governments from 2011 to 2012 was Hull (-.4%), Portage County (-.1%), Stevens Point Schools (-1.1%) and Midstate (+3.5%). Overall, the Hull property tax you paid in 2012 was down from 2011.

As is noted above, Hull officials have authority over a relatively small percentage of the overall property tax collected from Hull households. But for each of the 2020 households in Hull the services provided are crucial and essential for each household. Services provided to Hull residents primarily consist of road maintenance/reconstruction, snow plowing, curbside garbage/recycling pickup, park maintenance/improvement, municipal sponsored fire department/EMS and election administration. Police protection through the sheriff's department and Planning/Zoning services are obtained from Portage County through the 32% of their taxes householders pay to Portage County.

Finances to operate governments at all levels of government are under great stress. But essential services need to be provided and planning for future Hull revenues and expenditures has to occur. Hull officials are in the process of developing a five (5) year budget plan with the goal to maintain a stable tax rate for Hull services. That involves looking very carefully at our future expenses/revenues and future aid received from the State of Wisconsin.

While the budget under pins Hull's operation we cannot ignore other issues that affect Hull citizens. Public officials need to identify and anticipate potential issues affecting their citizens. Two major investigations are ongoing focusing on public safety on our roads and water quality and quantity in Hull.

Two task forces made up of Hull citizens have been created to study these issues. Hull has 82 miles of road and we need to ensure these roads are as safe as possible for all users – walkers, runner, bikers, automobiles and trucks and we have 2,020 private wells dependent upon a safe and sufficient water supply. These reports will be submitted to the Hull Board of Supervision in early summer for their review and action.

In closing, let me thank all those who have volunteered their service, time and expertise

to make Hull a better place to live. We invite you to attend the Town of Hull Board meetings which are held the first Monday of the month at 5:30pm in the Hull Municipal Building (check our web site to confirm date and time-www.townofhull.us).

Other Hull meetings are announced in the Stevens Point Journal and on the Hull website. Feel free to contact us at 715-344-8280, by fax-715-344-0717 or by e-mail-townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov if you have questions, suggestions or comments. We welcome your input.

John Holdridge,
Chairperson, Town of Hull

HISTORY of Town of Hull continued from the 2011 Newsletter

(The following is reprinted from the book *Our County Our Story* by Malcolm Rosholt)

Hull, by this time (1859) an odd-shaped township, narrow in the middle and seemingly perched on one leg, continued agitation for more territory and in November 1860 a number of sections to the north and east of the city of Stevens Point were taken from the town of Stevens Point and attached to Hull. A few days later Hull was also given the north one-half of Sec 1, Town 23, Range 8, east of Plover River which was detached from the town of Plover. This half section is still retained by Hull.

Effective April 1, 1899 the board (county) ordered sections 6, 7, 18, 19 and the west half of 30 and 31 in Town 24, Range 9,

detached from Hull and attached to Sharon. In the same motion it detached Town 25, Range 8, from Hull and all that portion of Town 25, Range 7, which lay east of the Wisconsin River, formerly part of Eau Pleine, to form the new town of Dewey. However, Hull was compensated by annexing section 2, 3, 10, 14, 23, and 25, east of the Wisconsin River in Town 24, Range 7, formerly part of the town of Stevens Point which had been vacated.

The subdivision of the town of Hull in Town 24, Range 8, not included in the Indian Survey of 1839-40, was begun March 22 and completed March 29, 1853.

For Hull citizens with internet connection, this and more history is on our website www.townofhull.us. For our citizens without internet connection, we will continue this journey of Hull's history in future Newsletters. As clerk it would be great to have a map showing Hull then (1858) vs. now (2012).

Have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer!
Janet Wolle, Clerk



NOTICE TO CITIZENS living in the Casimir, Walkush, Granite Ridge & Old Wausau Road Area:

The Town Board received a petition from several citizens living on Casimir Road requesting the designation of Casimir, Walkush and Granite Ridge roads as *Rustic Roads*. Information has been gathered addressing the purpose, qualifications, rules, and impacts, both positive and negative, of making these *Rustic Roads*. The Board is requesting the people living in this area and other interested parties share their thoughts on this issue before making a decision on this request. A public hearing will be held at **SPASH on April 19th at 6:30pm** to receive your comments. **Please attend.**

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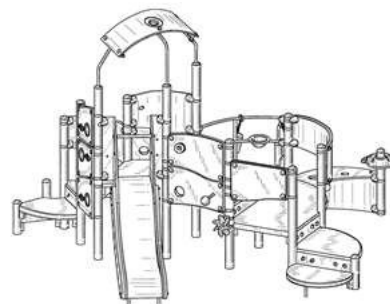
**Town of Hull Parks**

Explore and enjoy your parks! Your township has ten properties that are considered parks. Some have baseball fields and basketball courts, most have a variety of playground equipment, one is a conservancy only with a walking path, and one is just a field for kids to run in.

Over the past several years, the Township has made a real effort to update equipment in several of the parks and this year is no different. Despite a relatively small budget, the Township continues to make efforts to update equipment, maintain grounds and plant new trees.

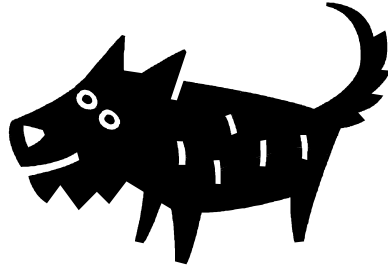
The Town of Hull Parks Commission has seven dedicated residents that volunteer their time in helping guide the Township in all aspects of park maintenance, equipment repair and purchases, along with the Vision Planning for the future.

Your Town of Hull Parks are: Eastwood Park, Meadow Manor Park, Somerset Park, Jordan Acres Park, Sorenson Park, Treder's Woodland Park West, Pleasant View East Park, Pleasant View West Park, Conifer Acres Park and Plover Heights Conservancy.



Explore and Enjoy!

## **IT'S THE LAW**



All dogs must be **licensed** and **vaccinated** against rabies. A citation to the owner of an unlicensed dog will cost \$169 for the first offense.

Visit the Town Office to purchase your license, or get your mail-in form at:

[www.townofhull.us](http://www.townofhull.us)

The Portage County Humane Society serves as animal control agent for the Town. Any concerns regarding lost or missing dogs or animal nuisance or neglect should be addressed directly to PCHS at 715-344-6012.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF DOGS IN SOCIETY**

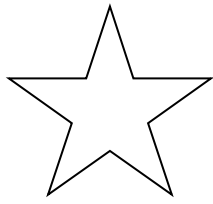
Humans and domesticated dogs have had a close association for thousands of years in many different cultures. This special bond between humans and dogs has survived the transition in our lifestyles from pre-historic hunter/gatherers to modern urban dwellers.

Dogs serve us not only as companions but also as workers. They have proven to be invaluable in a number of roles, including such examples as guide dogs for the blind, hearing and assistance dogs for the disabled, sniffer dogs used by police and customs, and farm dogs used for stock work.

It is also important as dog owners to care for and maintain control of our dogs.

- Keep vaccinations up to date and license your dog(s).
- You may have your dog(s) unleashed on your property. Dogs may **not** run at large on anyone else's property. When walking your dog(s), they must be on a leash.
- Control excessive barking.

*Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.*



## **ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS!**

May 8, 2012 – Primary

June 5, 2012 – Recall General Election

August 14, 2012– Partisan Primary

November 6, 2012– Presidential/General Election

Yes, there are new election laws in effect for 2012.

Should you have questions please contact me by phone at 715-344-8280, by fax at 715-344-0717, or by email at [jrw@tn.hull.wi.gov](mailto:jrw@tn.hull.wi.gov).

Ask yourself:

- 1) Am I registered?
- 2) Have I had a name and/or address change since I last registered?

If your answer to question 1 is NO – please **REGISTER EARLY.**

If you answered YES to question 2 – please **RE-REGISTER EARLY.**

Registration requires Proof of Residency. **Proof of Residency must include your current name and address** and proof you have resided in Hull at least **28 days prior to the election.**

**VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT? PLEASE KEEP IN MIND STUDENTS GOING AWAY FOR COLLEGE IN THE FALL.**

- 1) Must be a registered voter and,
- 2) Must apply, in writing, for an absentee ballot.

Armed Forces, college students, confined individuals, hospitalized electors and individuals who cannot be present at the polls on Election Day may want to vote by absentee ballot. PLAN AHEAD – waiting until the last minute may make it impossible for a person to vote by absentee ballot. **Voting is your right. Voting by absentee ballot is a privilege.**

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!!

Janet Wolle, Clerk

**NEW = WEATHER WARNING SIREN**

In late March or early April the Town of Hull will deploy a second weather warning siren in the Town of Hull. The current siren is located at the Hull Fire Station with the **new** siren to be located in the Meadow Manner Park on Ann Dr. off North Second Street. The new siren range is approximately 2 miles depending on weather conditions and will give weather warning coverage to a large population of residents in Hull including the areas west of I-39. All weather sirens are tested once a week, each Saturday at approximately 11:00 am. These **tests** include the “Weather” warning siren each Saturday with the weather and an “Attack” warning siren together only on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. The weather siren is then **only** activated in the event of an actual **Tornado Warning** and will run for approximately 3 minutes continually. Residents hearing the weather siren outside of the normal test should immediately take shelter indoors, preferably a basement and monitor their televisions, radios or NOAA weather warning radios. A Tornado Warning indicates a tornado has been spotted.

**WILD LAND FIRE SEASON & CHANGES**

Burning permits are again required UNLESS sufficient snow coverage is on the ground covering a very large area around the burn pile, etc. There has been one big change for 2012; Burning is now **allowed** on Sundays and Holidays during the normal time periods. After daylight savings time – 6:00 pm until mid-night. All fires must be out by mid-night. Annual Burning Permits can be obtained on line at the Wisconsin DNR website listed below and **MUST** be checked daily after 11:00 am for restrictions. <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.asp> or at any of the fire warden locations in the Town of Hull (see contacts below).

Hull Fire Chief, M Kluck

WHEN THE SNOW IS GONE.....BURNING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED  
TOWN OF HULL FIRE WARDENS

Jim Laska.....1936 North Second Dr.....715-344-4261  
Max Rutta.....1494 Torun Road.....715-344-7570  
Whiting Ranger Station....301 W Cedar.....715-344-2752



**DRIVEWAYS & HOUSE NUMBERS**

The Hull Fire Department would like to remind residents about house numbers. We are asking you to take a look at the numbers on your mailbox or house and update them if they are missing numbers or do not have numbers. We highly recommend the 3" black on white reflective number on both sides of a mailbox especially. The Fire Dept may come from one way and an ambulance or Hull Emergency Medical Responder from the other way.

Another serious topic is driveway clearances. Some of our fire trucks are approx 12 feet tall and 28+ feet long. No one expects to have a fire but they happen and we ask you to consider trimming up your driveways to 15 feet tall and the side back approx 10 feet wide. Serious delays in fire fighting efforts would occur without good access to a home, etc.

Thank you!

Hull Fire Department



## **BUILDING PERMITS**

The Town of Hull only issues permits under the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) for new 1 or 2 family dwellings and attached garages, or for attached garages or additions to existing homes built since June 1, 1980. If your home was built prior to the above date, you do not need a permit from the Town of Hull.

However, for any project, you should start with Portage County Zoning. Whether you need a building permit from the Town of Hull or not, you will probably need a Portage County Zoning Permit. A UDC permit cannot be issued until you first have obtained a Sanitary Permit and a Zoning Permit from Portage County.

## **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS ALARMS**

**All** one and two family dwellings in Wisconsin built before February 1, 2011 (with fuel burning appliances and/or attached garages) are REQUIRED to install carbon monoxide alarms in the basement and on each floor level of the dwelling unit.

Fuel burning appliances include: stoves, ovens, grills, range tops, clothes dryers, furnaces, boilers, water heaters, heaters and fireplaces that burn a fossil or carbon based fuel.

For rental properties, the owners are required to install the carbon monoxide alarms and the occupants are responsible for the maintenance of the alarms.

The carbon monoxide alarms may be battery-powered or plug in.



**SPRING CLEAN UP-2012**

THURSDAY, May 3<sup>rd</sup>-**Area 2** & FRIDAY, MAY 4<sup>th</sup>, -**Area 4**  
THURSDAY, May 10<sup>th</sup>-**Area 1** & FRIDAY, MAY 11<sup>th</sup>, -**Area 3**

**AREA 1:** North of Hwy. 66 *including* the "north" side of Hwy. 66 & east of N. Reserve Dr. *including* the "east" side of N. Reserve Dr.

**AREA 2:** North of Hwy. 66 *including* the "north" side of Hwy. 66 and west of N. Reserve Dr. *including* the "west" side of N. Reserve Dr.

**AREA 3:** South of Hwy. 66 *including* the "south" side of Hwy. 66 and north of Hwy. 10 *including* the "north" side of Hwy. 10.

**AREA 4:** South of Hwy. 10 *including* the south side of Hwy. 10.

**RECYCLABLES WILL BE PICKED UP AS USUAL PER THE SCHEDULE**

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**3<sup>RD</sup> Annual Trash or Treasure Day**

*This event has become very popular. It is time for spring cleaning that basement or attic. You want to rid yourself of the clutter and perhaps someone else could use it. Plus, reducing items that would end up in the landfill is certainly a plus. Once again we are encouraging you to put out your unwanted items **the day before** your scheduled spring pickup date. All items would be free to the people passing by. Whatever is left at the roadside on the scheduled pickup day would then be hauled away. If you are interested in participating, please note the schedule below:*

- Area 1: Set items out on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>..... Scheduled pickup: May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Area 2: Set items out on Wednesday, May 2<sup>th</sup> ... Scheduled pickup: May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Area 3: Set items out on Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> ..... Scheduled pickup: May 11<sup>th</sup>
- Area 4: Set items out on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Scheduled pickup: May 4<sup>th</sup>

This would be the only time that items set out for garbage pickup would allow people to help themselves. If this concept works, it reduces trash as well as helps people out. Possibly indicate on the items that they are **FREE!**

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**ITEMS ARE TO BE PLACED AT STREET CURBSIDE**



## **YES – WILL PICK UP**

GARBAGE & RUBBISH  
SMALL APPLIANCES (toasters, mixers, etc)  
FURNITURE/MATTRESSES, CARPETING  
LAWN MOWERS (gas & oil drained)\*\*  
PAINT (dried hard paint) **remove lid**  
GRILLS (NOT THE GAS CONTAINER)\*\*  
FLUORESCENT FIXTURES

## **NO – WILL NOT PICK UP**

SCRAP METAL  
COMPUTER MONITORS, KEYBOARDS & PRINTERS\*\*

\*\*Note: These items may be also recycled, some for a fee, at the Portage County Solid Waste Transfer Facility. Please see: <http://www.co.portage.wi.us /index.htm> for more information.

## **NO – WILL NOT PICK UP**

MAJOR APPLIANCE  
MICROWAVES  
YARD WASTE/GRASS/LEAVES, ETC.  
DEMOLITION MATERIALS (LUMBER, SHINGLES, DRYWALL, ETC.)  
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL  
CONCRETE MATERIALS OR ROCKS  
TELEVISIONS, RADIOS\*\*

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## **ELECTRONIC RECYCLING**

The Town of Hull spring clean up will **not** include electronics. It will be necessary for you to arrange for disposal. These items include:

- Consumer computers, printers, printer/fax/copier/scanner combination.
- Consumer video display devices including televisions, laptop computers & computer monitors.
- Computer peripherals including keyboards, mice, hard drives & other devices.
- Fax machines, DVD players, VCRs, DVRs, phones with video displays
- EEDs do not include cell phones, digital cameras, iPods, etc.

We are fortunate to have several places to dispose of these items. They are:

- Portage County Solid Waste-Transfer Facility  
650 Moore Rd. Plover, WI 715-343-6297 or 715-344-8198  
*CHECK FOR PRICING*
- Best Buy-Plover  
1145 Commons Circle, Plover 715-344-0566  
\$10 fee (for up to three electronic items, per person, per day)  
A \$10 Best Buy gift card is given
- Midwest Computer Recycling (Express Recycling)  
2608 Water Street, Stevens Point 715-342-9999  
*CHECK FOR PRICING*
- Milwaukee PC  
5633 Hwy. 10 E, Suite #10, Stevens Point 715-342-6816  
*CHECK FOR PRICING*

**BRANCH PICKUP**  
**FOR TOWN OF HULL RESIDENTS**

BRANCHES MUST BE AT CURBSIDE BY 6:00AM **APRIL 23, 2012**

**One** pile per parcel.

Piles must be **NO** larger than 10' x 3' x 6'.

Branches **MUST** be piled in one direction --- butt end to the road.

Please pile branches at least 15' from your mailbox, signs or trees.

Branches can be **NO** longer than 10 feet in length.

Branches can be **NO** greater than 6 inches in diameter.

>>>>>>>(Date may be changed due to weather conditions)<<<<<<<<

**NO tree stumps or tree roots.**

**BRANCHES from trees cut for resale (pulped) will not be picked up.**

**BRUSH PILES NOT PILED ONE WAY OR CONTAINING ANYTHING OTHER THAN BRUSH**

**\*\*\*\*\*WILL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY\*\*\*\*\***

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GRASS & LEAVES – DEPOSIT IN COMPOST SITE. COMPOST IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP.
BRANCHES – DEPOSIT AT THE BRANCH DROP OFF SITE. THIS SITE IS ONLY FOR YARD
CLEANUP – NOT FOR LARGE TREE TAKE DOWNS.

DO NOT DUMP OR DROP OFF OTHER ITEMS AT THE COMPOST SITE!!!

When hauling leaves or branches to the Town of Hull drop off site, please cover the leaves and secure the branches so your complete load reaches its destination.

Thank you for keeping our roads safe!



“TIRES” – (**NO RIMS**) CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING DURING

APRIL 30 – MAY 4TH and MAY 7TH–11th, 2012

OFFICE HOURS ONLY (7:00 – 3:00 M-F)

A CONTAINER WILL BE PROVIDED AND MARKED- NO MORE THAN 8 TIRES PER FAMILY

This service is open to the “property owner” in the Town of Hull “only”!!!



GREETINGS FROM THE TOWN OF HULL

“Your” Town of Hull is made up of:

- A five member Board

John Holdridge-Chairperson

Supervisors: Melvin Bembenek Dave Pederson
Dave Wilz LaVerne Syens

Other Staff:

Road Crew Staff:

Janet Wolle	Clerk	Pete Kaminski – Road Foreman
Jim Kruziki	Treasurer	Nick Kaminski
Barb Brilowski	Secretary/Deputy Clerk	Randy Herman
Marilynn Kranig	Clerical Staff	Bill Omernick
Patty Amman	Clerical Staff	

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