



TOWN OF HULL

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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QUESTION FOR CITIZENS

What is your knowledge of your 2012 property tax?

Background:

The property tax is the largest single source of revenue paying for Hull services (61% of Revenue). Those services include snow plowing, road maintenance, garbage/recycling pickup, Fire Department/EMT services, among others.

Question: What percent of your 2012 individual property tax bill you received in December (payable in 2013) goes to support Hull services? (circle one)

10% 15% 25%
40% 60% (*Answer on last page*)

SAFETY ON HULL ROADS

According to the calendar spring has officially arrived in Central Wisconsin. Shortly, summer will be here. But, it has been a long winter and we are all anxious to get outside. Activity on Hull roads will increase considerably, particularly among walkers, runners and bikers. We also know that large truck traffic on Hull roads will increase as the weather warms and as home building, septic system installers, loggers and other large tasks are undertaken.

Hull is contiguous to Stevens Point and gets considerable pedestrian traffic from the City. The north side of Stevens Point is home to three major educational institutions, UW-Stevens Point, Pacelli and SPASH. The YMCA is also located there. Each generates pedestrian traffic often in organized groups. Many Hull citizens too use our roads to walk, run and bike. Some users require the approval of the Town of Hull. Several non-profit groups like the United Way have annual organized run/bike events. Roads are often closed for safety reasons when events occur. Large trucks present a special challenge. Trucks over the Class B weight limit (12,000# per axle) are required to obtain a permit prior to traveling on Hull roads.

Our roads must be safe for all users. As a Town, Hull roads are regulated by Wisconsin law. We all know the basic requirements; obey stop signs and speed limits. But there are additional requirements for pedestrian users. Bikers need to ride on the right hand side with traffic. Walkers and runners need to face traffic on the left hand side of the road. At night pedestrians need to have lights on their bikes; light clothing and carry lights if they are walkers or runners. These requirements are in Wisconsin law. Pedestrians have every right to use Hull roads but like all users must comply with applicable laws.

Portage County is going through a planning process to identify pedestrian accommodation locations. These will be costly and take time to implement. For the foreseeable future Hull roads will continue to be jointly used by walkers, runners, bikers and various motorized vehicles. We need citizen understanding and acceptance to ensure Hull roads are safe for all.

Thank you for your cooperation!

John Holdridge
Chairperson-Town of Hull

DRINKING WATER IN HULL

Few public issues in Wisconsin are coming to the forefront like the quality and quantity of our water. Often this discussion centers on the quality or quantity of our lakes and streams but also there is much discussion about protecting municipal water systems. These issues are very important. Statewide, there has been considerable media coverage about the deep municipal wells in Waukesha which are contaminated with radium. Waukesha now seeks to obtain Lake Michigan water. Closer to home, Abbotsford had a shortage of water for expansion and explored piping water from Wausau. In Ledgefield, a town in Brown County near Green Bay had half of its water supply on a municipal system which became contaminated with arsenic and radon. They chose to pipe water from Lake Michigan, thirty-five (35) miles away. Recent contamination has occurred because of several oil spills impacting private wells in southeast Wisconsin. These spills have been widely reported by the media. Water is becoming a front burner public issue in Wisconsin.

In Hull we are concerned about the quality and quantity of our water. Hull has approximately 2,020 private wells providing drinking water to households. Hull's new interest in water came more recently because of citizen concern about drought, the quantity question. Stevens Point's installation of Well #11 along State Highway 66 and the potential to draw down private household wells in the area raised concerns. Stevens Point's permitting of two gas stations along Highway 10 East raised the potential of contaminating wells. Hull's government came to realize it did not have a handle on the quality or quantity of water in the Hull community. It is accurate to say there has been a collection of water data over the years but none of that data has been adequately analyzed or scrutinized for trends over time. Individual households may have known their water quality data but that data was not shared with Hull government nor did we seek it out.

We know in Hull that nitrates tend to be the major contaminate. A recent letter from the Wisconsin Public Health Department, (December 4, 2012) to Hull officials noted "nitrate levels over 10 parts per million in the water should not be consumed by infants under six (6) months of age or pregnant women." Furthermore the letter continues, "older children and adults should avoid long term exposure to nitrate concentrations in excess of 10 parts per million." The 10 parts per million is both a state and federal public health standard for nitrate contamination.

A Water Study Task Force was convened to examine water quality and quantity issues in Hull. That Task Force made recommendations to Hull Board of Supervision which were subsequently adopted. These recommendations are being reviewed and implemented. As we proceed in acquiring water data and implementing recommendations the Hull community will be kept informed. We welcome your interest and involvement. Please see internet site, dnr.wi.gov/topic/DrinkingWater/documents/pubs/nitrate.pdf for information about nitrate contamination or contact Patty Amman at the Town of Hull (715-344-8280).

John Holdridge
Chairperson-Town of Hull



SPRING CLEAN UP – 2013

If you live north of or **on** State Hwy. 66 (north & south side), Spring Clean Up will be on:
Thursday, May 9th

If you live south of State Hwy. 66 (does **not** include Hwy. 66), Spring Clean Up will be on:
Thursday, May, 16th

Recyclables will be picked up as usual per the schedule.

4th ANNUAL TRASH OR TREASURE DAY(S)

If you are interested in participating in the Trash or Treasure Day(s) this year, you may place items at curbside the Monday before your scheduled pickup. If your pick up day is May 9th, you may place items at curbside as early as May 6th. If your scheduled pickup day is May 16th, you may place items at curbside as early as May 13th. This will allow plenty of time for those people who feel your Trash is their Treasure an opportunity to pick up those items. The remainder of the items will then be picked up by Harter's Disposal on your scheduled pick up day.

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)**

NO – WILL NOT PICK UP

TELEVISIONS, RADIOS**
COMPUTER MONITORS, KEYBOARDS & PRINTERS**

NO – WILL NOT PICK UP

MAJOR APPLIANCE
MICROWAVES
YARD WASTE/GRASS/LEAVES, ETC.
DEMOLITION MATERIALS (LUMBER,
SHINGLES, DRYWALL, ETC.)
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
FLUORESCENT FIXTURES
CONCRETE MATERIALS OR ROCKS
SCRAP METAL

****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.

BRANCH/BRUSH PICKUP FOR TOWN OF HULL RESIDENTS

BRANCHES MUST BE AT CURBSIDE BY 6:00AM **MAY 6, 2013.**

Please read the “revised” policy for branch/brush pick up in the Town of Hull:

For a number of years, the Town of Hull has picked up curbside brush piles during the annual spring cleanup.

The following procedures apply:

1. The maximum dimension of the brush pile cannot exceed 12'L x 12'w x 6'h. Brush piles larger will **not** be picked up by the Hull road crew (see #4 below).
2. The following additional requirements applies:
 - a. Only one pile per land parcel.
 - b. Branches must be piled in one direction with butt end toward the road.
 - c. Branches must be placed at least 15 feet from mailbox, sign or trees.
 - d. Branches can be **no** longer than 12 feet in length.
 - e. Branches can be **no** wider than 6 inches in diameter.
 - f. No scrap lumber or pallets will be picked up.
3. Other provisions of policy:
 - a. No tree stumps or tree roots will be in the pile. The pile **will not** be picked up if tree stumps or roots are present.
 - b. Branches cut for resale as pulp **will not** be picked up.
4. Inspection of pile:
 - a. ***Brush piles will be inspected prior to pickup. Those exceeding dimensions will be flagged by the Town of Hull to notify the resident of policy violation. Those branch piles will not be picked up.***

Exception to this policy requires approval by Hull Board of Supervision.

Adopted By: Hull Board of Supervisors
Date: March 4, 2013

MUNICIPAL SITE DROP OFF FOR BRANCHES/GRASS & LEAVES

The Town of Hull has available to Town of Hull residents ***only***, a drop off site at the Town Municipal Building for grass, leaves and branches. This site is for yard cleanup only; not to be used for commercial disposal.

When hauling leaves or branches to the Town of Hull drop off site, please cover and secure your load to prevent contents from spilling on to the road.

Thank you for keeping our roads safe!!!!



TIRE COLLECTION

This year, Weller Salvage will be assisting the Town of Hull with Tire Collection. Collection will occur on:

May 17th – 1:00pm to 5:00pm
and
May 18th – 7:00am to 4:00pm

During these time periods ***only*** you may bring the tires you wish to dispose of to the Town of Hull Municipal Building's compost drop off site. An employee from Weller Salvage will be available to assist you. This year, there is a cost for disposal.

- Car/pickup tires \$ 3.00
- Semi/Dump truck tires \$10.00
- End loader tires \$25.00
- Bicycle, small trailer,
Motorcycle, bicycle tires \$ 1.00

The cost for other larger or foam tires is based on weight. If you need to know the approximate cost to dispose of these types of tires, feel free to call Weller's Salvage at 715-677-6757.

Also, there ***cannot*** be fluid in any tires.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

This year, Weller Salvage will also assist us with Electronic Recycling for **only \$.20/pound**. Feel free to bring your electronics along when disposing of your tires.

Other locations for Electronic Recycling are:

- Portage County Solid Waste-Transfer Facility
650 Moore Rd. Plover, WI 715-343-6297
- Best Buy-Plover

1145 Commons Circle, Plover 715-344-0566

- Midwest Computer Recycling (Express Recycling)
2608 Water Street, Stevens Point 715-342-9999
- Milwaukee PC
5633 Hwy. 10 E, Suite #10, Stevens Point 715-342-6816

CHECK FOR PRICING AT THESE LOCATIONS!!



BURNING PERMITS

Below is the Wisconsin State site for applying for burning permits and checking the daily burning restrictions.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/restrictions.asp> OR call: 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876)

Burning Permits are required from Jan 1st through May 31th when snow is not on the ground where you plan to burn. As the fire danger and restrictions change almost daily it is the permit holder's responsibility to check the website or call daily for those updates even if you do not obtain the permit through the website. The website above is updated every day at 11:00am. Permits may also be obtained from one of the Hull Fire Wardens:

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



HOUSE NUMBERS

Your Hull Fire Dept & EMS unit would like to ask you to take a close look at the house numbers on your mailboxes, homes or property with a structure on it. We suggest the 3” or larger reflective numbers on both sides of your mail box to insure fire, ambulances and first responders can locate your residence quickly and save time in an emergency. There have been delays in the past due to missing numbers, no numbers at all or very small numbers.

Thank you for your assistance!!!

Hull Fire Chief, Mark Kluck

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

DROP BOX:

A “Drop Box” has been installed at the Town of Hull Municipal Building. For your convenience, it is located outside of the entrance to the municipal building. Please feel free to utilize the Drop Box for any requests or information you have for the Town of Hull. The Drop Box is emptied each workday morning.

ASSESSOR:

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the new Assessor for the Town of Hull. His name is Jeremy Kurtzweil. He is from the Marshfield area. His first year will be extremely busy as he will be creating electronic files for all properties in the Town of Hull. If you need to contact Jeremy, you may call him at 715-486-9019 or e-mail him at artemis1@charter.net.

*Greetings to the residents of the Town of Hull! I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Jeremy Kurtzweil and I am honored to be your new Assessor for the Town of Hull. I am a 3rd generation Assessor and am a current resident of the Marshfield area. I work from my home as well as from the Town of Hull Municipal Building, and in doing so, I pride myself on being available and accountable to the residents of the Town of Hull. Working from my home allows me to be available 7 days a week and take phone calls **until 10 PM**. I understand that every person has a different schedule and life happens on a frequent basis so by keeping hours outside the normal 9-5 work day I am available to listen and help at the time that works for you. I am a taxpayer too, so I understand the questions and concerns that you may have. If you have a question or need some help, please give me a call or let Janet **or** Barb (from the Hull office) know that you'd like me to get in touch and I will make sure I do within 24 **hrs**. I look forward to the opportunity to help you with questions or **concerns!***

I can be reached at the following:

The Hull Town Municipal Building (715-344-8280)

or

1501 N Hume Ave

Marshfield, WI. 54449

(715) 486-9019

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Phil Deffenbaugh will continue to be the Building Inspector for the Town of Hull. Please call the Town of Hull at 715-344-8280 or e-mail at townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov for questions or requests you have for him.

BICYCLE SAFETY COURSE:

On Saturday, May 11th, 2013 a Bicycle Safety Course is being offered in Stevens Point. Preregistration is required as there are a limited number of spots offered. Please go to this link for more information: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/safety/vehicle/bicycle/docs/tsb-brochure.pdf> or call 608-267-3154 for more information.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Town of Hull Municipal Building.

Answer to Property Tax Question: (pg. 1) Surprisingly, only **15%** of your 2012 property dollars go to the Town of Hull. The other 85% goes to Portage County, Stevens Point Public Schools and Mid State Technical College.

TOWN HALL RENOVATION:

The Town Board is again considering the feasibility of renovating and expanding the Town Hall. The decision has been made to consider improvements to the Town's buildings (Town Hall, Firehouse, Garage) in phases beginning with the Town Hall. The Town Hall was constructed in 1971 and met the town's needs at that time. Forty plus years later, the building needs upgrading which includes making repairs, improving energy efficiency and adding space to accommodate the changing functions and services the Town and Hall provide. The Board seeks to expand the building's use as a "Community Center" for group meetings. Identified needs are; repair, building security, office space, conference & break areas, secure/fire proof records/archives storage, code compliant restrooms, community meeting area (current 54 person capacity), space for elections, electrical wiring, energy efficiency, natural lighting and parking. Plans, costs and financing will be presented at our Annual Town Meeting April 16. Citizen input is important and appreciated. Please attend and share your ideas.

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

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 1st annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic was held on Saturday, March 16th, 2013 at the Town of Hull Municipal Building with great success. The clinic was sponsored by the Town of Hull in cooperation with the Humane Society of Portage County at a cost of \$20 per dog. Licenses were then available for purchase. We are anticipating next year to be even more successful. If you are interested in participating in this clinic in the spring of 2014, check our website (www.townofhull.us), the local newspapers or the fall/winter newsletter for dates and times.



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 Wilz

Dave Pederson
LaVerne Syens

Other Staff:

Janet Wolle Clerk
Jim Kruziki Treasurer
Barb Brilowski Secretary/Deputy Clerk
Marilynn Kranig Clerical Staff
Patty Amman Clerical Staff

Road Crew Staff:

Pete Kaminski – Road Foreman
Nick Kaminski
Randy Herman
Bill Omernick

Contact Information:

715-344-8280 (p) 715-344-0717 (f)
townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov (e-mail)
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