

TOWN OF HULL 2019 SPRING NEWSLETTER

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The Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting in Towns throughout Wisconsin is one of the the basic features of American Democracy. The Wisconsin Annual Meeting grew out of the historic New England Town meeting, which predates the creation of the United States in 1787.

The Annual Meeting is unique to Towns in Wisconsin. No other local government is required by Wisconsin law to set aside one day for a meeting of their citizens. Neither, Wisconsin cities, villages or county boards are required to designate one day to invite their citizens to a general meeting of all citizens.

The Annual Meeting is a get together of citizens and not the Hull Board of Supervisors or other Hull officials, although they participate as citizens. By law, Annual Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of April in all Towns in Wisconsin.

Hull's Annual Meeting will occur on April 16 at 6:30pm in the Hull Municipal Building. All citizens are encouraged to attend. Citizens can raise concerns, issues and propose policies, which may be adopted by the Hull Board of Supervisors to deal with the various challenges facing the Town.

Abraham Lincoln, our greatest President gave perhaps the best description of Democracy in the Gettysburg Address in the midst of the Civil War. Lincoln described our government as a government *“Of the people, By the people, For the people and it shall not perish from the earth.”*

Keep democracy alive and functioning in the Town of Hull by attending the Annual Meeting on April 16.

John Holdridge, Chairperon
Town of Hull

North Second Drive Reconditioning Project

Some Background

In the fall of 2015, the Town of Hull applied for a road improvement program through the State of Wisconsin for North Second Drive. The program is called TRID. TRID stands for “Town Roads Improvement – Discretionary”. Wisconsin’s TRID program is designed to assist local units of government in improving seriously deteriorating roads by paying sometimes up to 50% of the cost. There are not many dollars available in the program and they are highly sought by municipalities. The last time any major road work was done on North Second Drive was 1990. Due to the high traffic volume and the poor condition of the road, Hull officials believed North Second Drive would be a good candidate.

In May of 2016, the Town of Hull received a letter from Governor Walker stating that the Town of Hull was one of 42 communities to receive this grant. The project needed to be completed within five years or the funding would be lost. The grant award was \$1,222,777 based on an estimated project cost of \$2,514,000 or about 48.6 % cost sharing.

Project Description

The project encompasses all of North Second Street Drive that is within the Town of Hull borders. This includes the road running from the City of Stevens Point’s northern city limits to County Highway X which is the southern border of the Town of Dewey.

The project length is approximately 3.41 miles. In addition to the replacement of the pavement structure, the project is to provide four foot bicycle/pedestrian accommodation lanes and improve drainage throughout the entire 3.41 miles.

Length of Project

The project began in spring of 2018 and will be completed by early fall of 2019. A good way to look at the project is in two basic phases – The Planning and Engineering Phase and The Construction Phase.

The Planning and Engineering Phase of the project began in early spring of 2018 and continued until late fall of 2018. Survey work was performed along with design development, preliminary cost estimates for the construction, along with the other countless planning and engineering tasks that need to be completed. Public hearings took place so citizens could become familiar with the proposed project during this phase

The Construction Phase will begin when the weather becomes stable in the spring of 2019. The phase will take the entire summer and will probably be completed in early fall. The timetable could be refined once the Construction Phase begins in the next few months. The road will never be closed or shutdown during the construction phase.

Planning and Engineering Services

A transparent “Request for Proposal” instrument was developed to seek qualified vendors who showed interest in providing engineering and planning services for the project. A committee representing the

Town of Hull which included citizens, Town of Hull elected officials and the Portage County Highway Commissioner analyzed and scored the proposals independent of each other using the same criteria.

Jewel Associates Engineers, Inc. located in Spring Green and Wisconsin Rapids was the firm chosen to provide the professional engineering design and construction services for the North Second Drive project. All members rated Jewel Associates Engineers, Inc. as having the best overall proposal in a cost effective manner from a firm that was well qualified and had extensive experience.

Construction Services

Bid documents for the construction phase were distributed to interested vendors in late fall 2018 and awarded in January 2019. There was solid interest in our project from many reputable construction vendors. After examining all of the bids, Musson Brothers, Inc., located in Rhinelander were chosen to perform the construction phase of this project with direction and oversight from Jewel Associates Engineers, Inc. They submitted the lowest cost qualified bid and the numbers submitted appear to be on budget at this time. Like many other road construction firms, Musson Brothers will coordinate all phases of the road construction using their expertise, their labor and a host of sub-contractors.

On Going Communication

As always, the Town of Hull will reach out to keep everyone informed. There will be public information meetings as needed and required along with additional forms of communication to be determined as the construction phase gets underway.



Reassessment Scheduled for 2019

All property with and without buildings located in the Town of Hull will be reassessed in 2019. Those results will be reflected on your property tax bills that you receive in December 2019. The last time the reassessment process took place was in 2007. The State of Wisconsin requires that reassessment take place when property values change over a certain percentage for a period of time. The Town of Hull is in that situation and will be performing the reassessment process.

For most property owners, the reassessment will not require admittance to the property or buildings by the assessor. A small portion of properties will need inspection and the assessor will notify those property owners of that need.

Reassessment generally increases the property value but the mill rate decreases. Reassessment does not mean that your overall property taxes will be going up. In fact, unless there are budgetary needs that require increases to the Town of Hull levy; most property owners will see little or no changes in their property tax bill. Those with modifications to their property, house or other buildings since the last assessment will see an adjustment to their tax bill to reflect those changes.

All of this can be a bit confusing. It is our goal to conduct a fair and equitable process. If you have questions concerning the assessment, you can contact the assessor directly or call the Town of Hull office.

Thank You!

Jeremy Kurtzweil, Assessor
Town of Hull
715-486-9019 or 715-344-8280



TOWN OF HULL 2019 SPRING CLEAN UP



10th ANNUAL TRASH OR TREASURE DAYS

Hopefully soon, the flowers will be blooming and the birds serenading. But, our homes still feels like it is stuck in the winter blues. Spring-cleaning is a tradition that allows us to freshen up our homes and get a head start on the hectic seasons of spring and summer. The Town of Hull will again be offering **Trash or Treasure Days** to its citizens. What you may think is trash, someone else would consider it to be a treasure.

SEE DATES BELOW FOR YOUR TRASH OR TREASURE DAYS SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 2nd

If you live north of or on State Hwy. 66 (north & south side)(by the airport) your Spring Clean Up Day will be May 2nd

TRASH OR TREASURE DAYS BEGIN APRIL 29TH

Thursday, May 9TH

If you live south of State Hwy. 66, your Spring Clean Up Day will be May 9th. This includes Hwy. 10 East/Hwy. 66.

TRASH OR TREASURE DAYS BEGIN May 6th

The following items **can** be picked up on **your Spring Clean Up Day:**

- Garbage & Rubbish
- Small appliances (toasters, mixers, etc.)
- Furniture/Mattresses, Carpeting
- Lawn Mowers (gas & oil drained)
- Paint (dried hard paint) remove lid

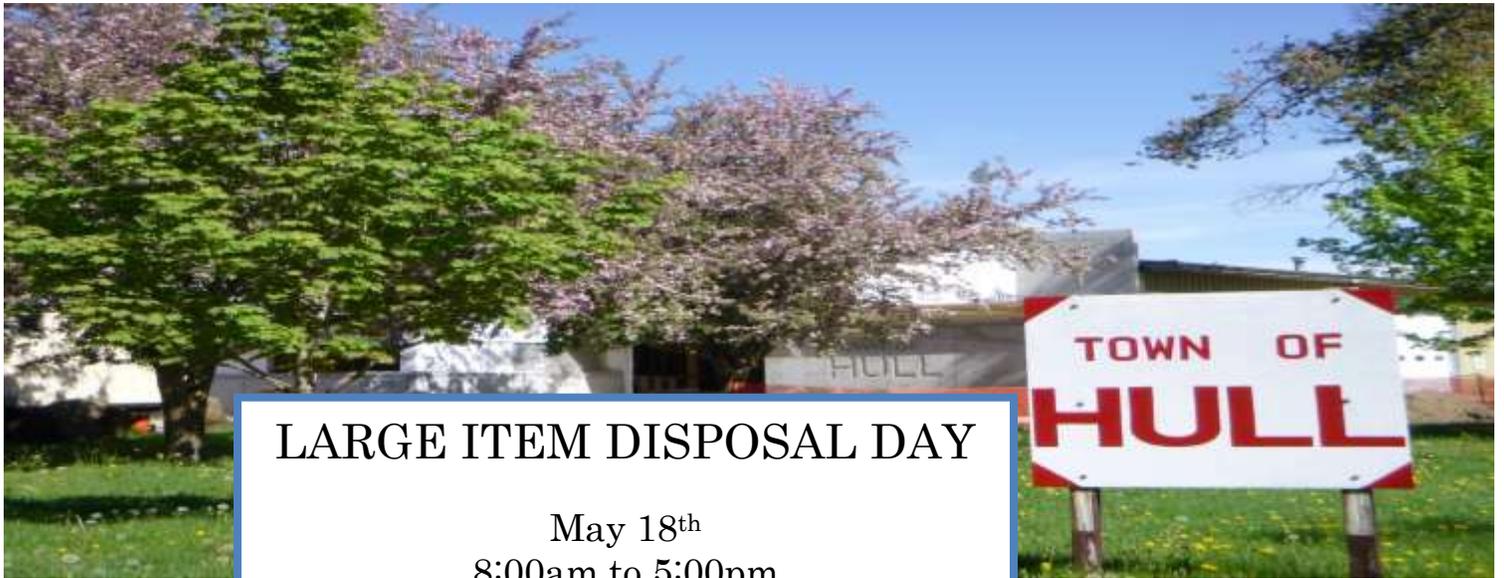
Wisconsin's Electronics Recycling Law
Bans the landfilling of:

- Computers, laptops, printers, televisions, computer peripherals, fax machines, DVD players, VCR's & other video players (i.e. DVRs), phones w/video players

The following items **cannot** be picked up on **your Spring Clean Up Day:**

- Major Appliances
- Microwaves, Televisions, Radios
- Computer Monitors, Keyboards & Printers
- Yard Waste/Grass/Leaves, etc.
- Demolition materials (lumber, Shingles, Drywall, etc.)
- Hazardous Materials, Fluorescent Fixtures
- Concrete Materials/Rock/Scrap Metal

If you have questions on how to dispose of items listed, contact the Portage County Solid Waste Dept. at 715-343-6297 or www.co.portage.wi.us



LARGE ITEM DISPOSAL DAY
 May 18th
 8:00am to 5:00pm
 “AT” the Town of Hull Municipal Building
 4550 Wojcik Memorial Drive

Weller’s Salvage will be available on May 18th to accept numerous large items for disposal. It can include but are not limited to:

- Washing Machines
 - Dryers
 - Hot Water Heaters
 - Dishwashers
 - Refrigerators
 - Freezers
 - Air conditioners
 - Dehumidifiers
 - Microwaves
- Also, Old sheet iron, tin cans, most types of metal

Weller’s Disposal **cannot accept** paper products, plastics, wood furniture or items meant for the landfill or other means of disposal.

TIRE DISPOSAL

Car/pickup tires-with or w/o rim:	\$ 5.00
Semi/dump truck tires with or w/o rim	\$16.00
End loader tires	\$25.00
Small trailer/motorcycle tires	\$ 1.00
Bicycle tires	No charge

ELECTRONICS

Televisions, Computers, Keyboards, Mouse’s,,Monitors, Cell phones, etc.

Only 46 cents/LB

If you have questions concerning this information, call WELLER’S DISPOSAL at 715-677-6757.



BRANCH/BRUSH PICKUP FOR TOWN OF HULL RESIDENTS

MAY 6, 2019
(Weather permitting)

- **Branches must be at curbside by 7:00am, May 6th .**
- **It may take Hull's road crew up to two weeks to finish the pickup.**

The following procedures apply:

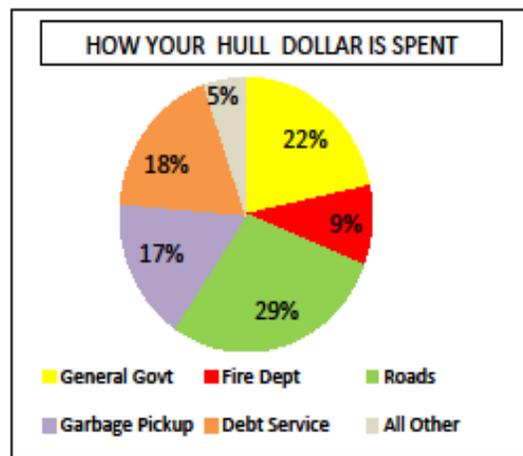
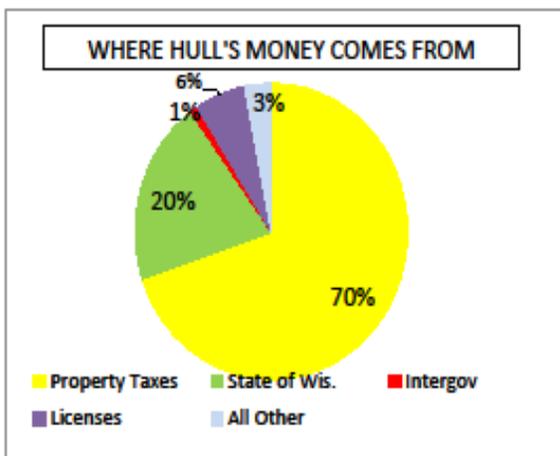
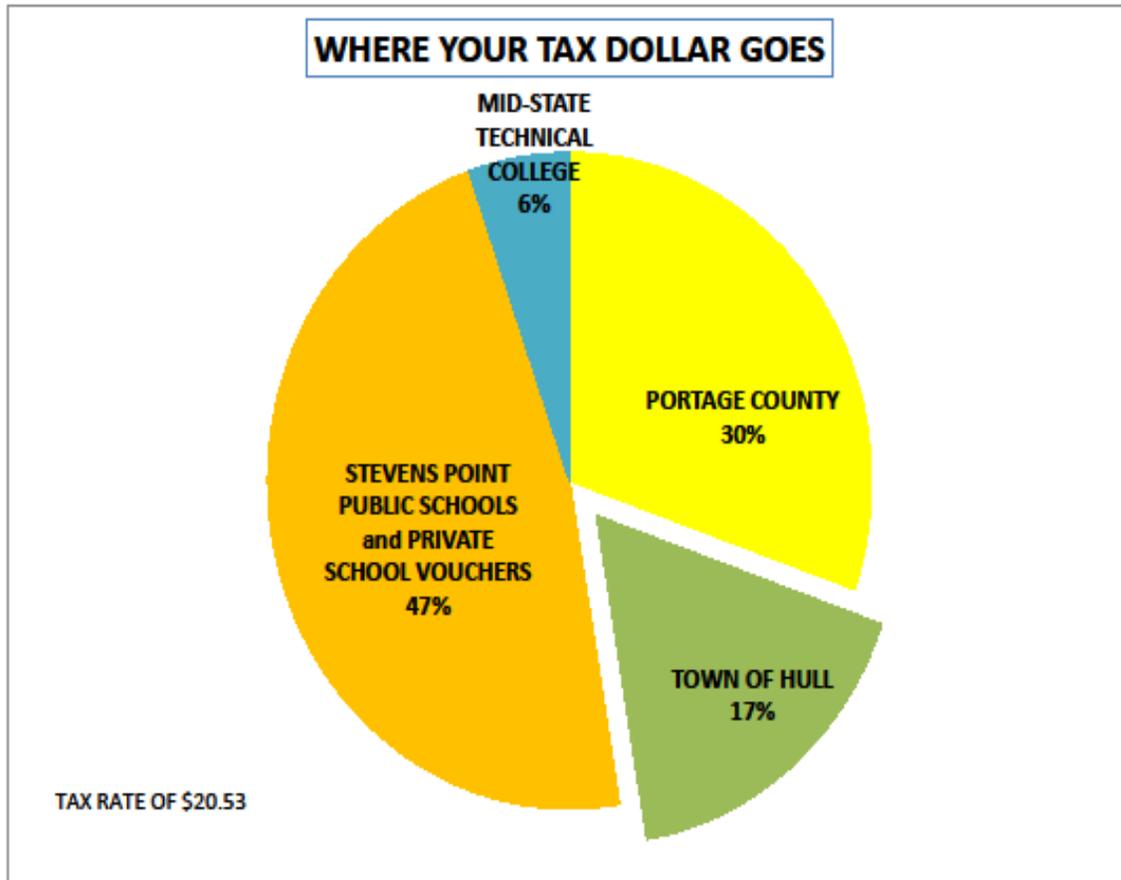
1. The maximum dimension of the brush pile cannot exceed 12'L x 12'w x 6'h. Brush piles larger will **not** be picked up by the Hull road crew (see #4 below).
2. The following additional requirements apply:
 - a. Only one pile per land parcel.
 - b. Branches must be piled in one direction with butt end 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 Supervisors.

Adopted By: Hull Board of Supervisors

Date: March 4, 2013

TOWN OF HULL--2019 PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION

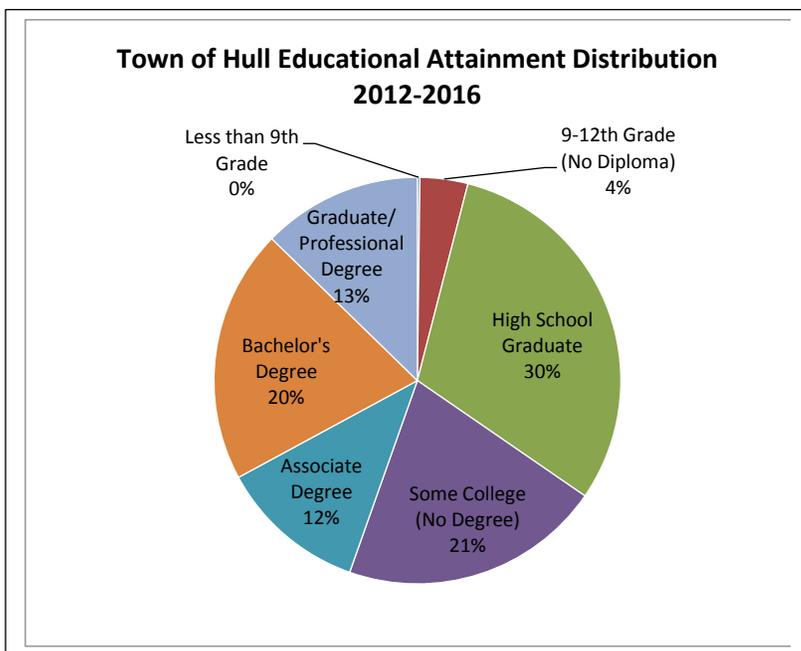
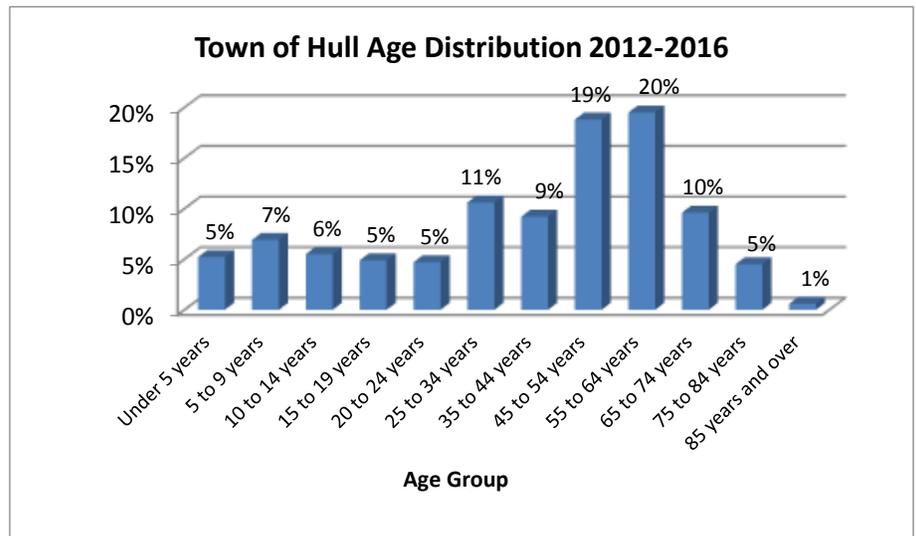


Town of Hull Demographic Profile

Demographics are characteristics of a population. Characteristics such as race, ethnicity, gender, age, education, occupation, income level, and household composition are all typical examples of demographics that are tracked by the United States Census Bureau using their decennial census and American Community Survey. Below is a brief demographic makeup overview for the Town of Hull. It was compiled utilizing the newest data available from the 2010 decennial census and the 2012-2016 American Community Survey.

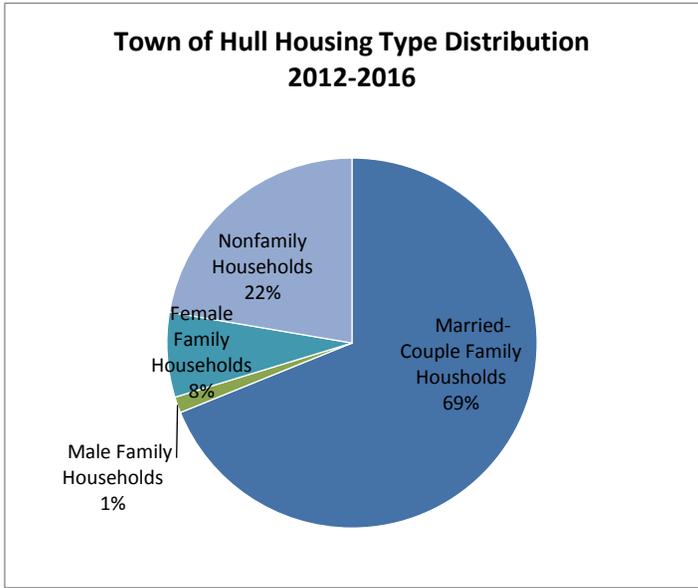
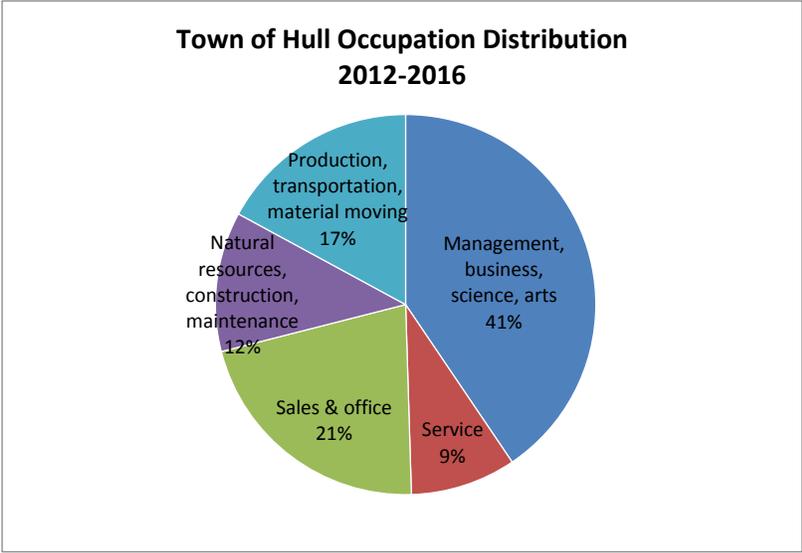
The Town of Hull had a 2010 census population of 5,346 people. The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) annually produces population estimates for the years between decennial census periods. The DOA estimates a 2018 population of 5,401 for Hull. This represents a population growth of 55 residents, or 1.03%, since the 2010 Census.

The gender distribution among Hull residents is fairly even with males comprising approximately 51%, and females comprising 49%. Hull also has a diversity of residents of different ages living within the Town. Older adults comprise a larger proportion of Hull's population with people aged 45 and over comprising 55% of the total population. Roughly 17% of Hull residents are school aged children (aged 5 to 19 years).



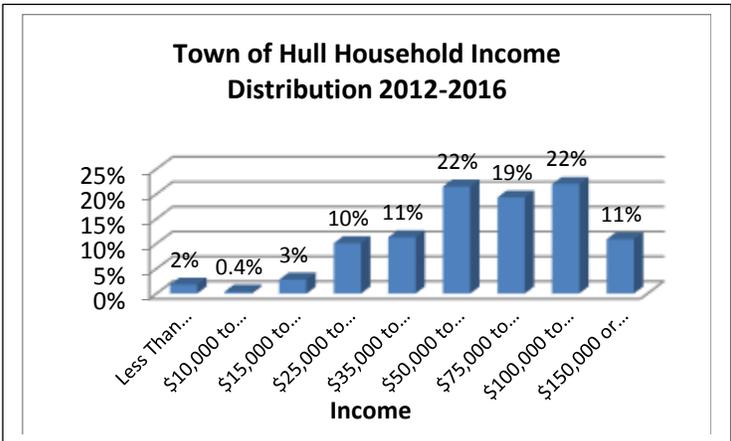
Education is valued among Hull's residents as witnessed by the share of people (roughly 45%) who have taken some college courses or have earned a college degree. Of Hull's population aged 25 years and older, approximately 12% have an associate's degree, while 20% have a bachelor's degree, and another 13% possess a graduate/professional degree. Another 21% of Hull residents have at least some college education.

Hull has a labor force of 71%, with an unemployment rate of 4%. At about 41%, the largest share of workers are in management, business, science and arts occupations. Another 21% work in sales and office occupations, 17 % percent in production, transportation and material moving occupations, 12% in natural resource, construction and maintenance occupations, and 9% in service occupations.



There are approximately 2,141 households in the Town of Hull, with an average household size of 2.53 people. A diversity of household types exists within Hull with married-couple family households comprising the largest share of all households at 69%, followed by nonfamily households at 22%, female headed family households (no husband present) at 7%, and male headed family households (no wife present) at just over 1%. Roughly 27% of all households in Hull have at least one person aged 65 years or over living here.

While mean household income is relatively high in Hull at \$89,183, a range of incomes do exist. About 15% of Hull’s households made less than \$35,000 a year, and about 26% earned less than \$50,000 a year. Only about 2 percent of Hull’s population is in poverty. To the contrary, approximately 74% of households make more than \$50,000 per year. The largest share of households receive an annual income of \$50,000 to 74,000 (22%), and \$100,000 to \$149,000 (also 22%).



HULL USE OF STEVENS POINT SWIMMING POOL

It has been a cold, snowy winter and Hull's road crew has worked long hours plowing Hull's 82 miles of roads. But summer and warm weather will come.

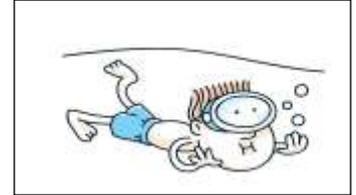
For a number of years, Hull has had a policy which permit Hull residents to use the Stevens Point Public Swimming Pool and pay the same rate as Stevens Point

- **Seasonal pass for residents** of Stevens Point
Individual - \$75.00
Family \$100.00
- **Seasonal pass for non-resident** (for Hull resident)
Individual \$110.00
Family \$135.00

Hull residents purchase, at the Stevens Point Recreation Department, either an individual or family seasonal pass, and pay the non-resident rate. They then bring their receipt to the Hull Municipal Building and Hull will reimburse the difference between the non-resident rate and the resident rate. In effect, Hull residents will pay the same rate as

residents. This procedure pertains to a seasonal swimming pass for individuals or families.

Here is how it works. Hull residents purchase a seasonal pass at non-resident rates. Rates for Summer 2019 are:



Stevens Point residents for use of Stevens Point's pool.

Please contact the Stevens Point Recreation Department (346-1536) for additional details on swimming pool operation and policy.



Town of Hull Parks

Explore and enjoy your parks! Your Town 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 Town has made a real effort to update equipment in several of the parks. Despite a relatively small budget, the Town 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 Town 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!

TOWN OF HULL YARD WASTE SITE SCHEDULED TO OPEN

2019 YARD WASTE SITE DATES/HOURS

Monday, April 1, 2019
Thru
Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019
Thru
Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019

Monday	1:30pm – 6:30pm	Noon - 4:45pm
Thursday	1:30pm – 6:30pm	Noon - 4:45pm
Saturday	10:00am – 4:00pm	10:00am – 4:00pm

“CLOSED” on HOLIDAYS!!

The Town of Hull has available to Town of Hull residents **only**, a “**gated**” 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 use.

Below are the guidelines set by the Hull Board of Supervisors:

- Yard Waste Site is for **TOWN OF HULL** Residents **ONLY!!!**
Check in with the Attendant at the Yard Waste Site. A **Photo I.D.** is required to prove residency. (*If you are a new resident and your license does not reflect your new address, bring a utility bill or document you receive on a regular basis to prove residency-magazine subscriptions are not accepted*).
- The following **WILL** be accepted at the Yard Waste Drop off Site:
 - Leaves, Pine Needles, Grass, Plants that will compost down.
 - Branches not exceeding 6 inches in diameter.
- **“NOT ACCEPTED”** at this site are:
 - Tree Roots
 - Tree Stumps

NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING ALLOWED!!

**THIS AREA IS UNDER 24 HOURS VIDEO SURVEILLANCE
ALL ACTIVITIES ARE RECORDED TO AID IN THE PROSECUTION OF ILLEGAL DUMPING**



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Stevens Point, WI 54482

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Important Dates to Remember

April 2, 2019 Spring Election
April 16, 2019 Annual Meeting – 6:30pm

715-344-8280 (P) townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov 715-344-0717 (F)

The Town of Hull is the largest Town and third largest municipality in Portage County governed by a 5-member Board of Supervisors.

John Holdridge – Chairperson
Dave Pederson Dave Wilz
Jan Way John Koshnick

A Brief History

The Town of Hull encompasses approximately 20,080 sq. acres in north central Portage County. It is bordered on the south by the City of Stevens Point, on the east by the Towns of Sharon & Stockton, on the north by the Town of Dewey, and on the west by the Wisconsin River.

“The original organization of the Town was approved on November 11, 1858 by the Portage County Board of Supervisors’ *Committee on Town Organization*, with the first official “town meeting” being held in March 1859 at the house of Hugh McGreer. School House No. 9, located approximately one-quarter mile northwest of Jordan Bridge, was the site of the first election held in the Town of Hull. Samuel Brown was elected Chairperson and Joseph Oesterly & Michael Dawson Supervisors.

Other Staff:

Janet Wolle.....Clerk
Jim Kruziki.....Treasurer
Barb Brilowski...Secretary/
Deputy Clerk
Patty Amman....Clerical Staff
Patty Fritsche....Yard Waste
Attendant

Road Crew Staff:

Pete Kaminski-
Foreman
Nick Kaminski
Bill Omernik
Joe Wierzba
Ken Johnson-PT
backup
Grant Larson –
Parks Maintenance



Visible House Numbers Key to Emergency Response Times

Emergency response teams cannot find you if your house number is not clearly displayed. Unbelievably, a majority are not visible from the road. It is even worse at night. A badly displayed number can cost you precious time in an emergency. [We recommend 3" black on white reflective numbers on both sides of the mailbox.](#)

BURNING PERMITS

What type of burning requires a burning permit?

Small fires for warming or cooking purposes do not require a burning permit and are allowed anytime except during Emergency Burning Restrictions. Burning in a fire ring with the intent to eliminate debris is not a campfire and therefore a permit is required.

DNR burning permits are issued to individuals for burning on the ground and in barrels when the ground is not completely snow covered. There is no cost for a permit and they are good for the calendar year.

Obtain a free burning permit online at dnr.wi.gov/burn permits or call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876)

FIRE FIGHTERS and MEDICAL RESPONDERS NEEDED

Your Fire Department consists of Town residents that volunteer their time for the community.

Hull Fire Department is looking for new members to add to our eligibility list. If you are interested in helping out your community by joining the Fire Department and making a difference in your community, we would love to talk to you and explain the process and training. There is no cost to you as training and gear is paid for. This is a paid on call position.

For more info and an application, call Hull FD 715-344-2174 and leave a message.



The Wisconsin Department of Justice made changes to its Fireworks Law in 2009, Wisconsin Act 28. These changes became effective July 1, 2009.

Local ordinances may now also regulate fireworks, and may be stricter than state law, but cannot be less strict.

The Town of Hull chose to adopt a Fireworks Regulation Ordinance allowing its citizens to use fireworks with guidelines and regulations in place. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, welfare and property of Hull residents and property owners and to ensure as much as possible all fireworks are used safely and in accordance with Wisconsin Statute (167.10).

Application Deadline: Hull residents desiring to obtain a fireworks permit must file the application at least four (4) business days, Monday through Friday before the actual fireworks use would occur. It is necessary to contact the Hull Fire Department and the Portage County Sheriff's Department (at least two business days in advance) to view the site where the fireworks will be exploded if necessary.

Cost of permit: **Subdivision/cluster development - \$50.00**
Rural area - \$25.00 - Fireworks need to be detonated at least 300 feet from the nearest spectator, public road or building and at least 50 feet from above ground power lines, cables, trees or overhead objects. At a minimum, neighbors/households within that distance will be surveyed for reaction.

Use: No person may possess or use fireworks without a user's permit from the Town of Hull.

Legal without a permit: Sparklers not exceeding 36", stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs, caps, noisemakers, confetti poppers with less than ¼ grain of explosive mixture, novelty devices that spin or move on the ground.

Illegal without a permit: Firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets and mortars. A commonly used rule of thumb is that a permit is required if the device explodes or leaves the ground.

Liability Insurance: A policy of liability insurance for the payment of all claims that may arise by reason of injuries to person or property from the handling, use or discharge of fireworks is required. The policy must be for a minimum of \$1,000,000.

To read the complete Town of Hull Fireworks Regulation Ordinance and Fireworks Application, see the Town of Hull's website at www.townofhull.us.