



# Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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**Welcome** to the first edition of the "**Farmington Town Hall Newsletter**". Communication was a key issue with our Town residents and we want to respond to that inquiry. We have developed a Town website and a newsletter to improve the presentation of information.

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**Town Board** meetings are held every third Monday of the month, 7pm, at the Town Hall located at County Rd Q and State Road 54. They are open to the public and we welcome your attendance and public input.

As a result of the Waupaca County Comprehensive Plan, our **Plan Commission** meets the fourth Tuesday, 6:30pm, at the Town Hall, chaired by Jack Fulcher. Its' main responsibility is to make recommendations to the Town Board on any land use issues.

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### **Cemetery Update:**

The Town of Farmington currently oversees three cemeteries: **Barton, Salem and Sheridan**. Sites are available for purchase at \$300.00 which includes Perpetual Care. Anyone interested can contact the Cemetery Secretary, Sandy Grenlie at the Town Hall, 258-2779.

### **News Items:**

\* Old and new residents: If you have not done so, please remember to register to vote by contacting the Town Hall, 258-2779.

\* Dog licenses are good from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Does your pet have his/her tag? Visit the Town Hall to obtain a license for your pet.

Male/Female = \$10.00

Neutered/Spayed = \$5.00

There is a \$5.00 penalty per dog if the license is obtained after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

\* Operator licenses for bartenders are coming up. Cost \$20.00. They are good from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. They can be purchased at the Town Hall. You will need to have proof of completion of the Responsible Beverage Service Course.

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Thinking of building a new home, garage, shed or remodeling?

Contacts for permits can be made with: **Richard Mann**, Deputy Zoning Administrator (248-5246) for land use permits; **Robert Underberg**, Building Inspector (715-281-1060) for building permits.

Any questions regarding property assessments, please contact **Central Assessors** at 258-9255.

**Burning Permits:**

Time for yard work and home odd jobs? Do you know the regulations for burning permits? According to the DNR, the new permitting system requires citizens wishing to burn to obtain and sign only one burning permit per year. After obtaining the new burning permit, citizens will now be required to call 1-888-WIS-BURN or check DNR website to confirm daily burning restrictions for our county. Burning permits are required January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> when ground is not completely snow covered. Permits are available to homeowners for residential burning only. Businesses (including farms) are prohibited from burning unless DNR-licenses for energy recovery. Burning materials- are restricted to pine needles, leaves, grass, brush, unpainted and untreated wood and confidential papers. The hours to burn are between 6 pm and midnight. A special burning permit needs to be obtained from the local DNR office for brush piles larger than 6'x6'x6' and for broadcast burns greater than 10 acres in size. You may be cited up to \$181 for burning without a proper permit. Your fire must be attended at all times until it is completely extinguished. Should your fire escape, you can be held liable for all resulting suppression costs and damages. **REMEMBER, "Only YOU can prevent forest fires!"** Contact: Wisconsin Vets Home 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm and/or Ken & Jill Vergauwen E1022 State Hwy 54.

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**Chain O' Lakes**

Enjoying the **Chain O' Lakes** means friends, family and fun! It also means consideration of the environment and your neighbor. We all need to take responsibility and keep the lakes clean to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive specie, zebra mussels and VHS fish. For more information, go to [www.WaupacaLakeDistrict.com](http://www.WaupacaLakeDistrict.com) .

Boat ramp volunteer supervisors are needed for the summer months. If you interested in donating your time, please contact Tim Rau at 258-3073.

The Chain O' Lakes also provides opportunity for everyone to enjoy the - **Chain Skiers** performances on Rainbow Lake at the Wisconsin Veterans Home site. Ski shows are Saturdays and July 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Reminder of skiing hours: Rainbow, Round, Columbia and Long Lakes - Monday through Friday 10am-4pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-7pm; Saturday, Sunday, Holidays 10am-2:30pm.

We want you to enjoy and support Farmington's surrounding businesses: King shops, restaurants, marinas, farm markets, Royal Oaks Golf Resort and Waupaca Camping Park. There are also several parks for your recreational use: Oakwood Park and the Indian Crossing Park located on County Road Q. Hartman's Creek State Park, located off State Hwy 54 west, is packed full of activities for the whole family.

**Town Officials:**

- Dale Trinrud, Chairperson  
715-281-4803
- Joel Bartel, Supervisor I  
715-412-0764
- Caroline Murphy, Supervisor II  
715-258-2852
- Sandy Grenlie, Clerk/Treasurer

**Town Hall:**

715-258-2779  
  
Public Hours:  
Monday through Friday  
8am to 1 pm

**Dog News: H.E.L.P. Shelter Dog**

Diane Neelis is the Towns' Humane Officer, ~~operating the City Dog Pound.~~ She also has the H.E.L.P. Shelter Dog Rescue, Inc., located at E2011 King Road, phone 258-6929. Her primary goal is to find new homes for the animals, *dogs*, to spay/neuter them and to find veterinary services who will discount prices for surgeries and medical care. Her ~~shelter is a non-profit shelter and donations are tax deductible and welcomed.~~

Public Hours: Monday through Saturday 8:30am-10 & 5pm-6:30; Sunday 9am-10:30 & 5pm-6:30. Appointments are needed for after hours. Closed holidays.

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**Road Updates:**

Board members traveled throughout the township with the intent of classifying road conditions for future attention. Our usual options are: blacktopping, crack sealing, pothole patching and seal coating. We will try our best to notify residents of any major work projects in their area.

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**Website Information:**

During the last election many residents expressed their concerns on lack of communication between the Board and the residents. As a result of this concern, the Board voted unanimously at the April 20,2009 Town meeting to start a web site. This new Town of Farmington web site address is: [www.farmington-waupaca.com](http://www.farmington-waupaca.com). I encourage everyone to check it out and e-mail any ideas or suggestions about the web site to [sgrenlie@waupacaonline.net](mailto:sgrenlie@waupacaonline.net) or Joel Bartel at [joefarmer3020@yahoo.com](mailto:joefarmer3020@yahoo.com). The web site provides information about the history of the township, dog license applications, Town meeting agendas and minutes, comprehensive planning data, elections, current events and other items of interest pertaining to the Township. Please visit [www.farmington-waupaca.com](http://www.farmington-waupaca.com). Joel Bartel, Town Supervisor I

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**If you would like continued issues of the newsletter, please** fill out and return this portion by either dropping it off at the Town Hall or mailing to: **Town of Farmington  
Town Hall  
Waupaca, WI 54981**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you, Caroline Murphy, Supervisor II**