

June 4, 2015

## TOWN BOARD

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Brenda Kahl

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## BUILDING INSPECTOR

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## DANE COUNTY SHERIFF

255-2345, Non Emergency

## LEGAL NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

Festge Park, DH Repair, Town Hall

## BERRY'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PLANT SWAP



Kathy Warner (l.) and Linda Racek-Brockmann (r.) inspect Zinnia seeds

An early morning mist gave way to a sunny 73 degrees during the Town of Berry's 10th Annual Plant Swap. The Plant Swap is like a box of chocolates – you never know what you're gonna get. You can expect anything from A (Anise Hyssop) to Z (Zinnia seeds), and everything in between. Neighbors old and new and old and young traded Norway and Buckeye tree seedlings, Clematis, Centaurea, Columbine, Lily-of-the-Valley, Daylilies, Brussel Sprouts, Kohlrabi, Canna bulbs, and more. Thanks to volunteers who brought homemade bars and cookies and fresh fruit.

Donna Fisher

## MT HOREB AREA ARTISTS SPRING ART TOUR

The annual Mount Horeb Spring Art Tour runs Friday June 5 - Sunday June 7th, 10-5 daily, and features artists at work in twenty studios in and around Mount Horeb, Blue Mounds, Mazomanie and Black Earth, including the studios of Town of Berry metal sculptor Greg Landretti at 5201 South Valley Road, and painter Jane Varda at 9332 Spring Valley Road. Oils, pastels, water-media, prints, glass, jewelry, ceramics, photography, and fine wood work for sale. Family-friendly. Maps and all info at [www.mhaaa.org/](http://www.mhaaa.org/)

## **BERRY BACKYARD CLUB**

- May: Three of us enjoyed exploring this picturesque nursery in Burlington. Once a C19 dairy farm, and now devoted to raising hardy perennials, natives, grasses and sedges, Northwind Perennial Farm's mission is to cultivate, educate and inspire. The staff were friendly and helpful-including the lunch recommendation in Lake Geneva - and the prices very reasonable. One venue definitely worthy of repeat visits.
- The rain held off, and Anne Koeppe led another wonderful Sunday morning bird hike on the Ice Age Trail. Thank you Anne.
- JULY 29th: Tour of the Tree Farm starting at 9am. Karen and Chris Upper have kindly offered to give BBC members a tour of their "Pick Your Own Vegetables" and "Cut Your Own Flowers Place." Learn about their farming operations and be sure to bring a basket to carry home some of the wonderful produce that will be ready for purchase by late July.  
Meet at the farm by 9am: 8454 Hwy 19, Cross Plains, WI 53528. Near Indian Lake.
- AUGUST 29th: Deb Pienkowski will teach you how to can your summer produce on Saturday August 29th from 9-4. Location to be confirmed.
- SEPTEMBER 26th: Festge Park Dedication Ceremony on Saturday September 26th from 10am to 11am. Following the ceremony there will be socializing and potluck food and beverages.
- OCTOBER: A hike to Skillet Falls and the Alliant Energy Conservation center, in Baraboo. Tracy and Deb will be the organizers for this event. Date TBD.
- HOUSEKEEPING: Please mail your annual dues, checks made out to Berry Backyard Club, for \$10.00 to Tracy Thaden at her new address: S 11478 Soeldner Rd, Spring Green WI 53588 Everyone is welcome to participate. If you are not a member, a donation of \$3.00 to participate in an activity is appreciated. Dues pay for honoraria/expenses/fees, and an annual donation to a Township cause of the groups choosing. Suggestions for activities in and around our Township, and offers to demo or lead a hike are much appreciated and welcomed!  
Jane Varda, [jane.varda@tds.net](mailto:jane.varda@tds.net), 608 798 9999

## **SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**

The Dane County Sheriff's Office, Black Earth & Mazomanie Police Departments, the Dane County Deputy Sheriff's Association, and Dane County's Joining Forces for Families proudly present the 2015 Summer Recreation Program! This program is geared for kids entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older. If your child is younger and would like to participate, please make sure they are accompanied by an adult. There will be a bus transporting kids from Mazomanie to Black Earth. The bus will leave the Mazomanie Police Department 15 minutes prior to start and will return 15 minutes after.

July 14<sup>th</sup> – Animart Petting Zoo/Animals and Public Safety Day (Meet at Black Earth PD and we will walk to BE Fire)  
12:30PM TO 2:30PM

July 21<sup>st</sup> – Anytime Fitness and Lions Park/Pool Day (Meet at Lions Park by the pool)  
12:30PM TO 2:30PM

July 28<sup>th</sup> – Base Camp Cooking Class and Brickz 4 Kids Lego Interactive (Meet at Base Camp Restaurant)  
12:30PM TO 2:30PM

August 4<sup>th</sup> – Bowling Day at Black Earth Lanes (Meet at the Bowling Alley)  
12:30PM TO 2:00PM

August 11<sup>th</sup> – Fishing Day (Meet at Black Earth PD)  
12:30PM TO 2:00PM

August 18<sup>th</sup> – End of the Year Field Trip - Rocky Rococo's / Laser Tag Day (Meet at Black Earth PD)  
12:00PM TO 3:00PM

Comments, questions, or would like to make a donation please contact Deputies Todd Doshier 608-767-2762 or James Kartman at 608-767-4904. We can also be contacted via email at [doshier@danesherriff.com](mailto:doshier@danesherriff.com) or [kartman@countyofdane.com](mailto:kartman@countyofdane.com).  
Community Deputy Josalyn Longley

## **NWDSS NEWS**

Come celebrate the start of summer with our Annual Summer Solstice Piano Burning Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2 - 6 PM  
Roxbury Tavern, 8901 County Hwy Y, Sauk City  
Join us for live music, good food and drink!  
\$10 Cover charge —Proceeds benefit NWDSS.

**Badger Bus High Rollers**  
Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Potawatomi Hotel & Casino has undergone a 240 million dollar expansion. It features nearly 3,000 slot machines, classic table games including poker, Three Card Poker, Blackjack, Craps, Let it Ride. You can also go over to the roulette table and spin the wheel. You must be 21 years of age to enter the Casino and participate in the package. Cost: \$35 per person

Includes: Deluxe transportation, \$10 Fire Keeper's Reward Play, \$10 Food & Beverage Credit (May be used in the Buffet restaurant, RuYi, Fire Pit Sports Bar or the Menomonee Valley Food Court) Seniors 55+ receive 3X the points earned in slot pay and ½ off the Buffet.  
Itinerary:

8:15 am Depart: Northwest Dane Senior Services, 1837 Bourbon Rd, Cross Plains

10:00 am Approximate arrival at Potawatomi. All riders should stay seated while the greeter comes onboard to give everyone the rebates and player's club cards. Note: All riders must have a player's club card to get rebates

3:30 pm Bus departs Potawatomi

5:30 pm Approximate return time to Cross Plains area. Times are estimated and based on traffic.

Contact: Paulette Glunn at 608-798-6937 ext. 222 for reservations  
NWDSS Newsletter

## **DO YOU NEED A BURN BARREL?**

Town residents, Duane and Joyce Haag, have empty oil containers that work well as burn barrels. These containers are free to residents. If interested, contact Duane or Joyce at 798-3638.

## **TOWN HALL SUMMER HOURS**

The Town Hall will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 7 am to 4:30 pm and closed on Wednesdays for the months of June, July and August.  
Brenda Kahl

## **BERRY BREAKFAST**

Please join us at 9:00 a.m. for our June 13<sup>th</sup> Berry Breakfast, this time at **Base Camp**, 18 Brodhead St. in Mazomanie. We will be gathering for Breakfast for our regular informal fun with friends and neighbors from our area on this second Saturday of the Month for our "no agenda, no expectations, no work" Dutch treat social event. You and your neighbors are invited. Friends and guests are always welcome. Please come if you can.

Karen Upper

## **HORRIBLY HILLY HUNDREDS BICYCLE EVENT SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

The Horribly Hilly Hundreds (HHH) Bicycle Ride is scheduled to come through Berry on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. There are three routes, 100 kilometers, 150 kilometers and 200 kilometers. The ride starts in Blue Mounds. Festge Park, at the edge of Berry on Scherbel Road, is the first rest stop for all of the riders. After the first rest stop, riders head south into the Town of Cross Plains. The 200k riders loop back to Festge Park for their second rest stop, then loop through Berry on the following route:

Scherbel Road to Table Bluff Road, right on Table Bluff, right on KP then left on Otto Kerl Road, left on Enchanted Valley, then right on CTH K, left on Martinsville, then left again on Indian Trail, right on CTH K, left on Schuman Road, right on Spring Valley Road, left on Pine Road, right on CTH KP, left on Far View Road, left on Spring Valley Road, right on Turkey Road, left on Black Berry, right on Kahl Road. Will exit on Kahl Road to Black Earth Park.

<http://www.horriblyhilly.com/>

Brenda Kahl

## **GARBAGE PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

Monday, June 8 - Garbage and Recyclables  
Monday, June 15 - Garbage Only  
Monday, June 22 - Garbage and Recyclables  
Monday, June 29 - Garbage Only  
Monday, July 6 - Garbage and Recyclables

## **TICKS AND MOSQUITOES-THEY'RE BACK!**

### **Time to Pay Attention to Protecting Yourself from these Unhealthful Pests**

With the weather warming up, we can finally start spending more time outside. While enjoying this outdoor time, it's important to remember to protect yourself from the seasonal health risks provided by mosquitoes and ticks. Each of these pests presents us with different potential threats to our health.

**MOSQUITOES** - Mosquitoes get very active at dawn and dusk and we can usually see them and hear them buzzing around our ears. One variety of mosquito found here is capable of carrying West Nile Virus (WNV). Although your chances of getting bitten by an infected mosquito are small, it still is worthwhile to take appropriate precautions to avoid getting bitten.

Most people infected with WNV will not display symptoms. Those who do show symptoms may develop a fever, headache, rash, muscle and joint aches, nausea, vomiting and fatigue that can last a few days. In rare cases, WNV can cause severe disease including encephalitis and meningitis. There is no specific treatment for WNV infection other than to treat symptoms. If you think you have WNV infection, contact your healthcare provider.

To help track the presence of WNV in Dane County report any sick or dead blue jays and crows you see by calling the Dead Bird Hotline at 1-800-433-1610.

While we can't predict whether this will be a particularly bad summer for mosquitoes, we can be sure that these annoying and sometimes threatening little bugs will be around. So do your best to avoid getting bitten. To prevent mosquito bites, wear insect repellent and long sleeves and pants when outside, especially early in the morning and at night. For more detailed information regarding West Nile virus and how to protect yourself against mosquito bites, visit: [www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.html). For information on insect repellents: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/oppref/insect/>.

You can also call PHMDC at (608) 266-4821 with questions about WNV.

**TICKS** - Ticks (usually deer or blacklegged ticks) present a different set of issues and threats. First, they are sneaky, hiding themselves in wooded and bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter and slyly attaching themselves to any exposed skin, often without you feeling anything. These ticks can carry bacteria, viruses, and parasites that cause human disease, including Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, ehrlichiosis, and Powassan. Lyme disease is the most common illness that we have seen in Dane County but ticks infected with these other organisms have been found in other counties in Wisconsin.

The risk of catching a tick borne illness is highest from spring through summer when the ticks are most active.

Signs and symptoms of Lyme disease may occur 3 days to 30 days after the bite from an infected tick and can include a rash that looks like a bulls-eye, fever and chills, fatigue, headache, muscle and joint pain, and swollen lymph nodes. The disease can be treated with antibiotics when detected early. If left untreated, Lyme disease can result in debilitating arthritis, and serious heart and nervous system complications.

To prevent tick bites and reduce the risk of getting tick borne diseases be sure to use insect repellent and wear long pants and long sleeves. Check yourself, your children and pets for ticks after being in wooded or tall grass areas. See the websites listed below for more detailed information on preventing and managing tick bites. If you are bitten by a blacklegged tick, call your healthcare provider to discuss whether you should take preventive antibiotics.

For more information on tick borne diseases: [www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/](http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/)

For details on how to help prevent Lyme disease through actions you can take in your yard, see [www.cdc.gov/lyme/prev/in\\_the\\_yard.html](http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/prev/in_the_yard.html)  
Public Health Madison & Dane County

## **BUILD A BAT HOUSE**

Many people do not want bats roosting in their homes, but often still want bats around. A good way to encourage bats to remain in the area is by building a bat house. Encouraging bats to take up habitation on your property can help reduce forest and garden as well as human-disease carrying pest populations. Bats have voracious appetites, and a single bat can eat thousands of insects every night.



### **Instructions**

This bat box house plan has been successful in attracting nursery colonies of little brown and big brown bats. Since bat roosting requirements are strict, adherence to the construction details is important. [Building a Bat House \[PDF\]](#)  
WI DNR

## **MAY 18 TOWN BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY**

(A summary of the minutes not yet approved by the Town Board.) Members present: Anthony Varda, Jeff Davis, Joe Kruchten, Don Witmer-Kean and Mike Statz

### **Requesting proposals for the garbage and recycling services**

The board approved to do an analysis and a request for proposals to potential suppliers of waste collection services before we renew the current contract in December. Vote 5-0

### **Agreement to participate in the Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update**

The board postponed and requests further information or participation at the next meeting.

Vote 5-0

### **Appointing a citizen member to the Plan Commission**

Greg Landretti was appointed as the citizen member. Vote 5-0

### **Town Committee reassignments**

The board approved the updated 2015 Committee List which eliminates the committee to Promote Creative Agriculture in Berry and releases Karen Upper from the Events Committee. Vote 5-0

**A Class B Intoxicating Liquor License for the Whippoorwill Tavern** and Operators Licenses for Sherry Starczynski and Cody Starczynski were approved. Vote 5-0

**Amended and restated Intergovernmental Agreement between Dane County and other municipalities within Dane County** creating a county-wide Interoperable VHF-Based Emergency Radio System known as “DaneCom” was tabled. Vote 5-0

**The Cycle Road Event permit for Capitol View Events-Capitol View Triathlon** on June 14, 2015 was approved. Vote 5-0

### **Purchase tires for tractor**

The board approved Pomp’s Tire Service proposal for tractor tires at \$2,949.94 Vote 5-0

### **Committee Reports**

\*Black Earth Fire District: Next equipment purchase will be in about three years; the wildlife gear did arrive for fighting fires in fields and marshes and also received the matching \$2400 grant from the State

\*District 1 EMS: There will be a new provision in the district agreement re a sinking fund to purchase new equipment; also will be asking municipalities how they prefer to budget for equipment

\*Parks Committee: Voted to spend \$850 toward controlling the canary grass; had a discussion on a type of barrier for the items stored by the garage; discussed purchasing a sign for the park

**Adjourn:** 7:45 pm

Brenda Kahl

**TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING**

June 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of May 18 and May 28, 2015
3. Public Comments: You may address the Board on any item not on the agenda. A discussion item may be placed on a future agenda. Public comment may be heard on any agenda item either now, or at the time the agenda item is to be discussed, or at the discretion of the Town Chair at any other time the agenda item is discussed. Comments are generally limited to three minutes.
4. Discuss/approve/disapprove
  - A. (2015-2) Andrew & Heather Hager, Theis Road, driveway permit application. PC vote 4-0
5. Discussion/action re Agreement to Participate in the Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
6. Discussion/action re revisions to District One EMS Intergovernmental Agreement to create an equipment sinking fund
7. Discussion/action re updated Cross Plains Area EMS District Intergovernmental Agreement
8. Discussion/action re waiving town hall use charge for Prairie Enthusiast's meeting
9. Discussion re purchase or lease of a replacement plow truck, and related equipment
10. **Closed Session:** The board may meet in closed session, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e)Wis. Stat: to determine the Town's negotiating position and strategy for obtaining a contract to purchase a new plow truck and related equipment.
11. Reconvene into Open Session per Section 19.85(2) Wis. Statutes
12. Discussion/action on replacement of plow truck.
13. Discussion/action re scheduling Special Town Meeting to raise Highway Budget Limit to accommodate plow truck purchase or lease
14. Budgetary Matters
  - A. Payment of bills
15. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
  - A. Fire Districts
  - B. EMS Districts
  - C. Other
16. Discussion of future agenda items
17. Adjourn

As of June 11, 2015 the final agenda will be posted on the website and the town's three posting locations. The board attempts to finalize the agenda prior to the distribution of the newsletter

**CALENDAR**

**All meetings are at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy 19, Mazomanie, unless otherwise noted.**

<b>June 2015</b>	
Monday, June 15, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Saturday, June 20, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site
<b>July 2015</b>	
Monday, July 2, 7:00 pm	Black Earth Fire District, Black Earth Fire Station
Monday, July 6, 7:00 pm	Plan Commission
Monday, July 6, 7:30 pm	Web Committee
Thursday, July 9, 6:30 pm	District 1 EMS, District 1 EMS Building
Monday, July 20, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Saturday, July 25, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site

This calendar is advisory only. Consult the 3 legal posting locations for legal notice