

TOWN BOARD

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Anthony Varda, 798-9999

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Jeff Davis, 798-0080

Mike Statz, 798-4679

Joe Kruchten, 798-1735

Don Witmer Kean, 798-0883

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Brenda Kahl, Clerk/Treasurer

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TOWN GARAGE

Orlin Danz, Patrolman

(Cell) 444-0359

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FIRE WARDENS

Brenda Kahl

767-4152, during office hours

WI DNR

1-888-947-2876

<http://dnr.wi.gov>

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Dean Eppler

Independent Inspections, Ltd.

(800) 422-5220

DANE COUNTY SHERIFF

255-2345, Non Emergency

LEGAL NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

Festge Park, DH Repair, Town Hall

July 9, 2015

BERRY BREAKFAST

You are invited! Please join us at 9:00 a.m. for our July 11th Berry Breakfast, this time at Cross Plains Family Restaurant, Glaciers Edge Shopping Center in Cross Plains. We will be gathering for Breakfast for our regular informal fun with friends and neighbors from our area as usual 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

NORTHWEST DANE SENIOR SERVICES BRAT FRY



The Shoe Box in Black Earth
On the corner of Hwy 14 and 78
Friday July 24th and 31st
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
All proceeds benefit NWDSS

WELLNESS MONDAYS

Stretch n Strength Class

10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

BP Screening 9:30 and 11:15

Space is limited. Weekly sign-up and donation suggested.

SOMETHING NEW! LIVE MUSIC THURSDAYS

July 16th and August 20th, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST BINGO

4th Friday of the month

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast \$3

Sign-up by July 23rd

CROSS PLAINS PHARMACY NOW OFFERING FREE DELIVERY TO NWDSS

During road construction in Cross Plains, you can now order your prescriptions by Friday & pick them up at NWDSS on Wed. at 11 a.m. Questions? Contact Lisa Kostecki at (608) 798-3031.

NWDSS Newsletter

BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

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 22nd: Food Preservation Class Update
Where: Wisconsin Heights High School
Who: Deb Neubauer, a Family Living Educator at UW Extension will teach the class.
Time: 8am-12pm
Fee: \$10.00
Class Size: Limited to 16 people. Please register your place with Deb Pienkowski.
deb.pienkowski@gmail.com

- 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: 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, 608 798 9999

GARBAGE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Monday, July 13 - Garbage Only

Monday, July 20 - Garbage and Recyclables

Monday, July 27 - Garbage Only

Monday, Aug 3 - Garbage and Recyclables

ST FRANCIS ANNUAL FUN RUN

On Sunday, July 19 approximately 70 - 100 runners/walkers will be on County Road P between the Village of Cross Plains and County Road K from 8:00 am – 9:30 am.

Brenda Kahl

JUNE 15 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

Driveway Permit

Andrew & Heather Hager’s, Theis Road, driveway permit application was approved. Vote 5-0

Agreement to participate in the Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update was approved and appointed Joe Kruchten as the primary contact and Anthony Varda as the alternate contact. Vote 5-0

Revisions to District One EMS

Intergovernmental Agreement was approved as written in order to get the district’s opinion. Vote 5-0

Updated Cross Plains Area EMS District Intergovernmental Agreement

The board approved forwarding the District One EMS Section 7.02 language to the Cross Plains EMS District board for discussion and suggested the arbitration procedure be simplified. Vote 5-0

Waiving the use charge for Prairie Enthusiasts was approved. Vote 5-0

Purchase or lease of a replacement plow truck and related equipment

The board set over discussion to the Roads and Capital Equipment Committee for further investigations and to notify Duane Haag of the committee meetings. Vote 5-0

Committee Reports

*The Town Chair issued a permit for fireworks

*The town collected \$2500 from the Frost’s for their contribution on Paddock Road

*Driveway washing and erosion issues on Otto Kerl Road

Adjourn: 8:19 pm

Brenda Kahl

SUMMER IS FOR THE BIRDS!



Summer is a great time to see birds in Wisconsin and a prime time for joining other volunteers in our comprehensive bird survey just getting

started. Our goal is to see which of the 400 bird species historically recorded here nest in our state and how their populations have changed over the past 20 years.

Aside from shorebirds, most birds you see here in June and July are birds that nest in Wisconsin, so volunteers don't have to sort out which are migratory birds headed to or from Canadian nesting grounds. Understanding the places these birds frequent, the habitats they use and the times of year in which they raise young are critical to conserving the birds that call Wisconsin home.

How are our birds doing?

Healthy bird populations depend on healthy habitat. In North America and Wisconsin, many wetland birds are showing strong gains and grassland bird populations are improving. Anecdotal information and smaller surveys, however, suggest many species need serious attention. Habitat loss and degradation, invasive species, environmental pollutants and environmental stressors are main factors affecting bird survival. [About one-third of Wisconsin's birds](#) have low and/or declining populations, including 11 formally listed as endangered and 13 as threatened species.

Where to see birds

Birds are our most accessible wildlife. They are everywhere and they are important to our quality of life, our ecosystems and our economy. Fully 1 in 3 adults reports bird watching and most birds are voracious insect eaters at some time in their lives, helping keep agricultural and forest pests in check. Explore these resources to help you find birds beyond your backyard.

[Birding and Bird Conservation](#): Find links to maps and driving routes for good bird watching, bird organization websites and more.

WI DNR

WHAT'S IN YOUR WELL?

Typically, groundwater is naturally clean and safe for consumption. Because the overlying soil acts as a filter, groundwater is usually free of disease-causing microorganisms. However, contamination may occur following improper installation of well casings or caps, after a break in the casing or as a result of contaminated surface water entering the well. Contamination can also occur if wells are drilled in fractured bedrock without an adequate layer of protective soil and with less than the recommended minimum casing length.

In order to prevent illness, wells should be properly maintained and the water regularly tested for the presence of microbial contaminants. Well water should also be tested occasionally for possible inorganic and organic chemical contaminants.

Well water should be tested for bacteriological quality regularly and for chemical contamination if it is suspected. In addition to regular tests, well water should be tested immediately if there is any change in its clarity, color, odor or taste, or if there has been a change in the surrounding land use. Through regular assessment and testing of drinking water, the microbial and chemical safety of your well water can be verified.

Water testing is available through the Public Health Madison & Dane County Laboratory.

* Call (608) 243-0357 to discuss your testing needs and how to get a water test kit.

* The test kit can be picked up at our Laboratory office, our Environmental Health office, or arrangements can be made to have it mailed to you.

* Water testing kit pick up locations and times.

Public Health Laboratory Office:

8 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday

City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 516B, Madison (Downtown)

(If no one is available in Room 516B, please go to Room 507.)

WI DNR

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

July 20, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of June 15, 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. (2015-3) Bridget Handel, Blackberry Road, rezone 3.75 acres from A-1Ex to RH-1 for a home site. PC vote 3-0
5. Discussion/action re: policy in regard to Fireworks displays and permits in Berry
6. Discussion/action re: refunding the Cycle Road Event Permit deposit for Horribly Hill Hundreds, LLC
7. Discussion/action re: refunding the Cycle Road Event Permit deposit for Capitol View Events-Capitol View Triathlon
8. Discussion/action re: revising the Berry Town Hall Resident Use Policy 113.5
9. Discussion/action re: Engineering Firms proposals
10. Discussion/action re: Request for Proposals document for residential garbage/recycling collection
11. Discussion/action re: Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 2015 Update, hazard profile and vulnerability assessment worksheets
12. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Payment of bills
 - B. Discussion/action re propane contract
13. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
14. Discussion of future agenda items
15. Adjourn

As of July 16, 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.

July 2015	
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
August 2015	
Monday, Aug 3, 7:00 pm	Plan Commission
Monday, Aug 17, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Saturday, Aug 22, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site
Tuesday, Aug 25, 7:00 pm	Cross Plains EMS, Cross Plains Fire Building
Tuesday, Aug 25, 8:00 pm	Cross Plains Fire District, Cross Plains Fire Building

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