

October 8, 2015

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WI DNR

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DANE COUNTY SHERIFF

255-2345, Non Emergency

LEGAL NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

Festge Park, DH Repair, Town Hall

FESTGE PARK DEDICATION CEREMONY



On September 26, Dane County Park's representatives joined Friends of Festge Park to dedicate new green-built timber shelters, a kiosk, and playground equipment at Festge County Park. After

remarks by Parks Commissioner Tom Thoresen, Town of Berry Chair, Tony Varda, and Friends of Festge Park President, Gary Nelson, seventy-five celebrants were treated to music by guitarist, Joe Vosen and feasted on brie and strawberries, meatballs in marinara, noodles with Chinese barbeque pork and black mushrooms, (spoiler alert: recipe) home-grown Seckle Pears roasted in extra virgin olive oil, drizzled with home-grown honey, warmed again and toasted walnuts and blue cheese added, just to name a few of the mouthwatering morsels offered.

Thanks to event volunteers: Rick and Angie Scott.

Thanks to playground donators: Maggie Buechner, Cross Plains Lions Club, Donna and Roger Fisher, Jeanette Hoard, Jim Kraft, David and Karen Lucey, David and Tammy Nelson with Nelson Electric, Gary and Jean Nelson, Dave and Char Ohnstad, Lauris Wagner, Sue Studz and Bert Bitter, State Bank of Cross Plains, Pat and Mary Ann Troge, and Village Family Dental Associates.

Thanks to supporters: Crossroads Coffeehouse, Terry's Piggly Wiggly, Tough Tripod, the Town of Berry, and Dane County Parks.

Thanks to major sponsors: News Publishing Company Inc, Plastic Ingenuity, Saeman Lumber Co., Schoepp Motors, The Shoe Box, and Southwest Wisconsin Trout Unlimited.
Donna Chan Fisher

ORDERING TREE AND SHRUB SEEDLINGS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

Tree seedlings are purchased from the Wisconsin State Nursery Program. The 2015-2016 ordering season has begun and we're now accepting orders. Our seedlings are available to all Wisconsin landowners regardless of residence. Trees must be planted in Wisconsin and used only for conservation purposes such as forest products, wildlife habitat and erosion control. State nursery stock may not be resold, used for ornamental, decorative or landscaping purposes or Christmas tree production.

The minimum order is (a) a packet of at least 300 trees and/or shrubs, (b) 500 shrubs or (c) 1000 trees. Tree and shrub seedlings must be ordered in increments of 100 of each species. To order seedlings, either [place your order online](#) or print the [tree application form \[PDF\]](#), complete it and mail it with your payment. Contact the [Wisconsin DNR nursery](#) or call 715-424-3700 with any questions.

WIDNR Website

NWDSS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We can only provide the excellent programs and services with the help of our volunteers. Our seniors need you! Here are just a few of the possible opportunities available, if you are interested, contact Lynn Davis at 767-3757 ext. 225.

Activity Assistant

Assistance for Special Senior Events

Board of Directors/Committee Assignments

Mobile Meal Drivers

Newsletter folding/ mailing

Nutrition Site aids

Office Assistance

RSVP Escort Drivers

The hours are flexible, the work is rewarding and we love our volunteers!!

NWDSS

GARBAGE/RECYCLABLE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Monday, Oct 12 - Garbage and Recyclables

Monday, Oct 19 - Garbage Only

Monday, Oct 26 - Garbage and Recyclables

Monday, Nov 2 - Garbage Only

BERRY BREAKFAST

You are invited to our October 10th Berry Breakfast. Gather for Breakfast - or just coffee as you prefer - around 9:00 a.m. at the Cross Plains Family Restaurant, Glaciers Edge Shopping Center in Cross Plains. Enjoy this regular informal fun with friends and neighbors from our area, as usual on the second Saturday of the Month. You and your neighbors are invited to this "no agenda, no expectations, no work" Dutch treat social event. Friends and guests are always welcome. Please join us when you can.

Karen Upper

BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

The Festge Park Dedication Ceremony was blessed with gorgeous weather, and delicious food to compliment all the hard, hard work that has been done in the park. The thank you list was long and the appreciation and community spirit very evident. Enjoy your park and even if you have only a few spare hours a week or month, come out and help this happy band of volunteers. Gary Nelson reckons only 40 more years work to finish clearing . . .

• OCTOBER: The hike to Skillet Falls and the Alliant Energy Conservation centre, in Baraboo has been cancelled. Many thanks again to Deb and Tracy for researching. They enjoyed a lovely day out and about hiking the trails!

We know its a busy time of year, and between work, family, travel and everything else, we all get tugged this way and that.

So enjoy this beautiful fall, and email if you have a spur of the moment desire for hiking or snowshoeing buddies. There will be groomed trails at Festge this winter so a bright sunny day out snowshoeing followed by hot drinks at CrossRoads Coffeehouse may be a welcome gathering next January.

Suggestions for activities in and around our Town, and offers to demo or lead a hike are much appreciated and welcomed!

Jane Varda, jane.varda@tds.net, 608 798 9999

SEPTEMBER 21 TOWN BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY

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

Public Comments

John Brixy, Town Board Supervisor for the Town of Blue Mounds, introduced himself. He has filed a Declaration of Candidacy for a vacancy on the Dane County Board representing District 28.

Jewell Associates Introduction

Scott Whitsett attended for Greg Jewell. Thanked the Town for hiring Jewell Engineers. Discussed their assistance with a TRIP application

Northwest Dane Senior Services Annual Update

Mel Bankes and Paulette Glunn were present. Offering same services as previous years and have added an adult daycare program since moving to new location. They are asking for the same \$4/capita support as previous years.

Presentation by Matt Schuenke, Village of Cross Plains Administrator, and Kyo Ladopoulos, re annexing property off of Brewery Road, proposed Sundance Addition

The proposal would include annexing two property owners land along with Brewery Road almost to its entirety in order to develop approximately 140 single family lots in four phases over 10-12 years. Target state date for phase one would be the middle of 2016.

Rezones

*Paul & Erin Lenerz's, State Road 19, rezone of 2 acres from RH-1 to A-4 and 2 acres from A-4 to RH-1 in order to relocate 2 acre lot was approved. Vote 4-0

*Oakdridge Farms LLP's, Turkey Road, rezone of 3.9 acres from RH-1 to A-2(2) and 4.29 acres from RH-1 to A-1Ex to shift property lines was approved. Vote 4-0

Policy in Regard to Fireworks Displays and Permits in Berry

No action taken

Accurate Appraisal's Agreement for Maintenance

was approved. Vote 4-0

The Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors

will be held on

November 2, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Vote 4-0

Charter Communication's Request for a Refund of their 2014 Personal Property Taxes

was tabled. Vote 4-0

Formalizing Practice and Policy for Rezone Applications, Neighboring Property Owners' Notifications

Discussion only. The notification process will stay as a practice, instead of creating a policy.

Committee Reports

*Black Earth Fire District: Three municipalities, not including Berry, have signed the amended contract.

*Cross Plains Fire District: The budget was approved and the amended contract has been forwarded to the district's attorney

Adjourn: 8:59 pm

Brenda Kahl

WINTER IS APPROACHING



Winter conditions are approaching. In order to help our plowing team, please keep turnarounds and the road right-of-way free from debris, vehicles, logs, and anything that may impede the snowplows. If there is not enough space for the plowing equipment to turn around, the road may not be plowed.

Don Witmer-Kean

CAR SEAT CHECKS BY APPOINTMENT

If you're concerned about the proper installation of your child's car seat, American Family Children's Hospital and Safe Kids Madison Area offer free car seat checks year-round. Call 890-8999 to schedule, or e-mail

safekids@uwhealth.org. Some local fire departments also offer car seat checks. Find out more details at the calendar of events. The Kohl's Safety Center at American Family Children's Hospital offers a variety of child safety products and injury prevention education materials, products, and advice from trained staff about child safety. Most items available are less expensive than at local retailers. Contact (608) 890-8043 for more information.

Deputy Josalyn Longley

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

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

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of September 21, 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. Discussion/action re: Policy in regard to Fireworks displays and permits in Berry
5. Discussion/action re: Charter Communication’s request for a refund of their 2014 Personal property taxes
6. Discussion/action re: Cycle Road Event Permit for Madison Motorcycle Club on October 24, 2015
7. Discussion/action re: Ordinance Amendment #16, Amending Chapter 10 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances, Regarding State Certification of the Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance
8. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Payment of bills
9. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
10. Discussion of future agenda items
11. Adjourn

As of October 15, 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.

October 2015	
Thursday, Oct 8, 6:00 pm	Town Board Working Budget Meeting
Thursday, Oct 15, 7:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting
Monday, Oct 19, 6:30 pm	Plan Commission Meeting
Monday, Oct 19, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Saturday, Oct 24, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site
November 2015	
Monday, Nov 2, 7:00 pm	Plan Commission
Monday, Nov 2, 7:30 pm	Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors
Thursday, Nov 5, 7:00 pm	Black Earth Fire District, Black Earth Fire District Station
Thursday, Nov 12, 6:30 pm	District 1 EMS, District 1 EMS Building
Monday, Nov 16, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Saturday, Nov 21, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site
Tuesday, Nov 24, 7:00 pm	Cross Plains EMS, Cross Plains Fire District Building
Tuesday, Nov 24, 8:00 pm	Cross Plains Fire District, Cross Plains Fire District Building

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