

June 8, 2017

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255-2345, Non Emergency

LEGAL NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

Town website, Town Hall, Festge Park,

DH Repair

HORRIBLY HILLY HUNDREDS BICYCLE EVENT SATURDAY, JUNE 17

The Horribly Hilly Hundreds (HHH) Bicycle Ride is scheduled to come through Berry on Saturday, June 17th. 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

NORTHWEST DANE SENIOR SERVICES NEWS

Tech Wednesday “Gadget Guy” Solomon, will begin: June 14, 1-2 PM and June 28, 1-2 PM. If you need some help with your computer or device, Sign up for 15 minutes with Solomon Wanker!!

Black Earth Chamber of Commerce—”Concerts in the Park” June 20, Northwest Dane Senior Services will be selling sub sandwiches. A great night to enjoy music, eat, and socialize!

Saturday, June 24, 10am-5pm BRAT FRY

Stop at the Shoe Box and support NWDSS for our first Brat Fry of the season. On the corner of Hwy 14 & Hwy 78, Black Earth

Giving on the Green: A charity golf outing benefitting Northwest Dane Senior Services. Tuesday, July 25, 11 a.m. start \$65 pp (lunch included) Deer Valley Golf Course Barneveld Call (608) 798-6937 to register!
NWDSS Newsletter

BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

We were active and out and about a lot this Spring, starting with several hikes through the Pasque flower meadows at Walking Iron park.

- A big thank you to those who were able to help lay cardboard and spread mulch at the Wisconsin Heights Community Gardens. It was a big task and with a few extra hands, plus an invaluable Bobcat assist, we got the job done.
- Undaunted by a damp, windy Sunday afternoon, we possibly had our largest turnout ever, for a tour of Dream Farm with owner Diana Murphy. Diana explained her exacting, labor intensive process of making cheese, from milking to packaging, answered lots of questions, offered samples, and 3 different flavors of goats cheese to buy. We toured the barns and visited with the does, young kids and newborns. Cuddling a sleepy baby was clearly a highlight for the lucky few!

Dreamfarm cheeses are available at the Saturday morning Westside Community Market, and Willy St Coops.

<http://www.dreamfarm.biz>

www.westsidecommunitymarket.org

- Thank you to everyone who helped organize and run the **Plant Swap/bake sale/flea market** May 13th. Despite great organization, advertising and terrific weather, this event was again poorly attended. Consensus is therefore that we will not take it on again at the town hall, but will instead have a smaller Backyard Club plant/bake swap hosted by one of our group, open to anyone who chooses to stop by.
- Anne Koeppel led a small group of bird watchers along the Ice Age Trail in Cross Plains. We got rained on half-way through, but who cares? A lovely warm-up afterwards at Crossroads Coffee shop topped off a morning well-spent. The fun is in the doing, and the friends you make on the way.
- A trip to Janesville Rotary Gardens, a tour of Allen Centennial Garden, and a Fermentation class are in the works for summer months.

Mark your calendars to help with seed collecting on September 23rd.

Jane Varda

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MAY 15 TOWN BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY

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

Public Comments

*Donald Kerl informed the board about a water issue with a neighbor.

*Garren Pletzer informed the board that the pea gravel was plowed off the road in the winter on Enchanted Valley Road East of County Road P.

Driveways

*Paul Ripp's, State Road 19, driveway permit application was approved. Vote 5-0

*Andrew & Heather Hager's, Theis Road, driveway was extended for one year; to move the culvert in the turnaround area twenty-five feet up the driveway; and to include a commitment of the town to provide the rock and pay the expense for rounding out the turnaround in the existing area in coordination with the culvert. Vote 5-0

Heritage Trust Board Appointment

The board appointed Tony Varda, Steve Richter and Mike Statz. Vote 5-0

Garbage and Recycling Program/Containers

Discussion only. Will be contacting Town & Country Sanitation to acquire a solid proposal for review.

Committee Reports

*Black Earth Fire District: Budget about \$110,000 for our share of the new vehicle

*District 1 EMS: The same board was re-appointed. Discussed obtaining simplified radios to use with DaneCom

Adjourn: 7:53 p.m.

Brenda Kahl

REMINDER: STATE ROAD 19 IS CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC

Access to local residents, businesses and emergency services will be maintained throughout construction. Construction began on June 5th and anticipated completion is August 18th.

Brenda Kahl

BERRY BREAKFAST GROUP

Please join us in June for our usual Berry Breakfast this Saturday, June 10, at 9:00 a.m. We will be gathering at the CROSS PLAINS FAMILY RESTAURANT, Glaciers Edge Shopping Center in Cross Plains for our regular informal fun with friends and neighbors from our area. This is our "second Saturday of each Month" group. You can expect a "no agenda, no expectations, no work" Dutch treat social event. Your guests are always welcome. Please come when you can. The summer Breakfast schedule looks like this: June 10th, July 8th, and August 12th.

Karen Upper

SUMMER TOWN HALL HOURS

The town hall will be closed every Wednesday in June, July and August. Regular office hours are Monday – Friday, 7 am to 4:30 pm.



TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

June 19, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of May 15, 2017
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. Cross Plains EMS, 40th Anniversary Presentation
5. Discussion/approve/disapprove:
 - A. (2016-4) Gary & Jean Nelson, 4924 Scherbel Road, final driveway approval. PC Vote 5-0
 - B. (2015-11) Louie & Shelly VanDenBergh, 4975 Braemer Road, final driveway approval. PC Vote 5-0
6. Discussion/action re: Zoning district change application, various A-2 districts to A-4
7. Discussion/action re: Approving a Class B Intoxicating Liquor License and Operators Licenses for the Whippoorwill Tavern
8. Discussion/action re: Refunding the cycle road event permit deposit for Capitol View Events-Capitol View Triathlon
9. Discussion/action re: Awarding town hall doors, roof and salt shed bids
10. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Payment of bills
11. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
12. Discussion of future agenda items
13. Adjourn

As of June 15, 2017 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

PREVENTING MOSQUITO BITES AND DISEASE

Mosquitoes are a real nuisance in the summer months, but their bite can do more than just make you itch; they can transmit diseases like West Nile virus.

Mosquitoes, birds and people can get West Nile Virus. About 1 in 5 people will develop a fever with other symptoms like headache, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash after being bitten by a mosquito that has the virus. Most people recover completely, but in some people, fatigue and weakness can last for weeks or months and they can get more serious infections like encephalitis or meningitis.

Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) staff monitor mosquito populations each summer, treating water on public land that has high numbers of mosquitoes known to carry and transmit West Nile virus. The treatment limits the buildup of West Nile virus infection in the bird population, which protects human health by reducing the amount of virus in the environment.

Mosquitoes can also transmit Zika virus, but in over 10 years of monitoring, PHMDC has never found the two species of mosquitoes in our area that are Zika carriers. They will continue to monitor for them this summer.

Prevention efforts focus on preventing mosquito bites, and getting rid of standing water where mosquitoes can breed. In order to prevent mosquito bites you should:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants from dusk through dawn. That's when many mosquitoes are most active.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use EPA-registered insect repellents, following product instructions.
- Treat clothing and gear with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated items.

In order to eliminate mosquito breeding areas

- Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out containers that hold water, such as flower pots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, discarded tires, birdbaths, rain barrels, and trash cans.

DEER TICKS AND YOUR HEALTH

Summer means lots of time spent outdoors; in the woods, at parks, and in our own backyards. It also means the possibility of a bite from an infected deer tick.

The number of deer ticks increased significantly in Dane County in the past few years, and ticks were seen early in the spring due to our milder than usual winter. This means we should be checking for ticks on our bodies not only when we've been in the woods, but even in our own backyards.

A bite from an infected deer tick can lead to Lyme disease also cause other diseases such as anaplasmosis, babesiosis, ehrlichiosis and spotted fever rickettsiosis.

Lyme disease is on the rise in Dane County. Untreated Lyme disease can produce a wide range of symptoms, including fever, rash, facial paralysis and arthritis. Symptoms of the other diseases spread by deer ticks are very similar and all may occur anywhere from 3 to 30 days after a bite. When treated with appropriate antibiotics in the early stage of symptoms, recovery is usually rapid and complete.

There are steps you can take to protect yourself from tick bites:

- Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass, and walk in the center of trails if hiking.
- Use repellents containing 20 to 30% DEET both on exposed skin and clothing, carefully following product instructions.
- As soon as possible after coming indoors, bathe or shower, conducting a full-body tick check using a mirror. Remember: ticks can be as small as a poppy seed or sesame seed.
- Tumble clothing you've worn outdoors on high heat in a dryer as well, to kill any ticks you've missed.

Dogs also are very susceptible to tick bites and the diseases they cause, and ticks might be hard to notice on them. As with humans, prevention is the best defense. Use a tick preventive product on your dog and check it daily for ticks.

PHMDC - Public Health Madison & Dane County