



# THE CENTERVILLE CLARION

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CENTERVILLE

OCTOBER 2011

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Dear Centerville Residents:

November 8th the Town of Centerville will be holding its Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting to adopt the 2011 town tax levy to be paid in 2012 & to approve the total 2012 highway expenditures. The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by the monthly Town Board Meeting. This meeting is also open to the public and, as always, you are welcome to attend.

Included in the newsletter is a budget summary - a complete budget is available from the Town Clerk. There also is a brief article of budget highlights on page 2.

Also in this newsletter are updates on the reassessment, town road work and community news.

Thank you to all residents who serve the town in various capacities: Planning & Zoning, Board of Appeals, Election Workers and Town Officers. Your dedication is appreciated.

We currently are in need of people to work at the town elections. If you are interested, please contact Barb Backhaus at 726-4303.

If you have any concerns regarding town issues, please let one of the Town Board members know; we value your input.

Brian Kraemer, Town Chairman

## Calendar of Events

- Nov 8 Budget Hearing
- Nov 8 Special Town Meeting
- Nov 8 Town Board Meeting
- Dec 13 Town Board Meeting
- Dec 26 - 30 Tax Collection
- Jan 10 Town Board Meeting
- Jan 20 Tax Collection
- Jan 27 Tax Collection

*See article on page 2 for tax collection times.*

## Electronic Newsletter

In an effort to save money in printing and postage and to use less natural resources, the town will be offering the option of receiving the town newsletter in an electronic format.

If you would like to receive the newsletter this way, please e-mail us at [centerville@lakefield.net](mailto:centerville@lakefield.net)

## Winter Roads and Snow

With Winter approaching, the Town Board asks that you consider the following information:

**Farmers:** please be sure to clean all mud/debris off of the roads and road shoulders prior to freezing weather. Frozen clumps of mud can cause serious damage to the snow plowing equipment.

**All Residents and Landowners:** Town and County Ordinances prohibit pushing of snow across County or Town roads when plowing snow from driveways; please push the snow from the road onto your property. There are a couple of reasons for this: Safety being the most important; but piling snow along the road also increases drifting and snow problems all winter.

**Winter Weather:** The Town of Centerville does not have a full-time road superintendent to inspect our roads daily and the Town Board members do not get a chance to drive all town roads on a daily basis. We ask that if you notice any road problems—including snow or ice problems—to contact one of the Town Board members.

## 2012 Town Budget

The Town Board has not been able to finalize the town budget as of this newsletter as we are still waiting for final data from the state. The final budget will have a net tax increase of 0.91% or about \$1,458.00. This increase is the amount of new taxes due to new construction in the town.

Total revenue and expenditures will be down from last year's budget—\$318,239 to \$302,097.

For 2012 total revenue is down about \$16,000. A \$2,100 decrease in shared revenue, a \$1,900 decrease in recycling grant. Last year's budget also included use of \$12,000 in surplus funds which is not in this year's budget.

Likewise, on the expenditure side of the budget a decrease in spending of about \$16,000. There was savings because of the reassessment from last year. There are budgeted increases in fire protections, and planning and zoning because of the Wind Ordinance review.

If you have any questions on the proposed budget, please plan to attend the budget hearing or feel free to contact the Town Chairman or one of the Board members.

### Town Officers

Chairman - Brian Kraemer	693-8935
Supervisor #1 - Jerry Vogel	693-3426
Supervisor #2 - Allen Kracht	726-4642
Town Clerk - Barb Backhaus	726-4303
Town Treasurer - Carol Jaeger	726-4428
Zoning Admin. - Elroy Jaeger	726-4428
Enforcement Officer -	
Val Jean Marcoe	693-3240
Assessor—To Be Determined	

## Tax Collection

Tax collection hours will be at the Town Treasurer, Carol Jaeger's home, 12719 Westview Rd., Cleveland on the following dates:

December 26-30 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Friday, January 20, 2012 and Friday

January 27, 2012 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

## Dog License



Dog licenses can be paid with your real estate taxes. You must have proof of vaccination form to obtain your dog license. License fees are \$5.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$10.00 for unneutered or unspayed dogs. The deadline for dog licensing is April 1; after the April 1 deadline there will be a late fee of an additional \$25.00.

## 2011 Reassessment

The reassessment for the town was completed this fall. The goal of the reassessment was to bring the total value of the town up to the level the state had for us and to have updated assessments between the different property classes within the town to reflect current property values. The largest change in assessment was with the value of woodland in the town.

The approximate value of the town went from \$67,837,700 to \$75,144,841 or about a 10.7% increase. The corresponding tax rate also fell about 10%.

The Town of Centerville taxes are a small part of your overall taxes. The other portion of your taxes are from school districts and the county. They are under similar restrictions about increasing their budgets, so their budgets should be similar to last year. However, state equalized values come into play regarding the division of the tax rates. Centerville's equalized value dropped about \$150,000 over last year; however, some municipalities had larger decreases so we won't know how this will affect our final tax rate until all budgets are finalized. If you need more information, please come to the budget hearing.

## Town Road Update

2011 roadwork has been completed. This year we have completed a number of projects:

Chip sealing of 4.87 miles; all of Westview Road and 1 mile of Center Road - Point Creek Rd to Cty X. Patch overlays on a number of intersections and on a section of Union Road-north of North Avenue. Eleven miles of center striping, as well as normal road maintenance including shoulder grading, grass cutting, and routine patching.

As always, the Town Board appreciates any input on our road system. If you notice a problem, please call one of the board members. Since we don't have a town road crew, we may not immediately notice a problem.

## Property Inspection by the Assessor

The Town Assessor will be doing his annual property inspection beginning in December.

Due to the number of stops he has to make and the variable time frame of each call, he is not able to make appointments prior to stopping.

If the assessor stops at a time that is not appropriate for you, just let him know and he will stop back another time. Thank you.



## Building Permits Required

Building Permits are available from the Zoning Administrator. They are required on all new construction or remodeling valued at \$800 or more and on any new construction that changes the outside dimension of any building. Roofing projects and wells do not require a building permit. Demolition permits are available at no charge for removing old buildings.

If you need a permit, please contact Elroy Jaeger at 726-4428 to set up an appointment.



## Recycling News



The Town of Centerville has a contract with the Town of Newton to use their Recycling Center. The Recycling Center is located 3 miles north of County Road F on Center Road. The address is 6315 Center Road.

Normal recycle items can be disposed of free of charge. This would include newspaper/cardboard, #2 plastics, glass bottles & cans, and other metals. All waste must be in a Town of Newton bag (available for purchase at the Recycling Center) for disposal in the compactor. They also take a number of other items. A complete list of items and fees are available at the center or can be seen online via our website or the following Newton website: <http://www.townofnewton.org/recycling.asp>.

Many other items that are not recyclable at the Newton Recycling Center can be taken to the Manitowoc County Recycling Center on 3000 Basswood Road in Manitowoc. There is valuable information available on the county website: <http://www.manitowocrecycles.org>. They also have a quarterly newsletter which highlights upcoming events like the Drug Disposal Program, the Hazardous Waste Collection, etc. If you do not have computer access to sign up for the newsletter, you can call the center at 920-683-4333 to sign up.

If you have any questions regarding recycling, please contact one of the Town Board members.

Thank you to all residents who have worked hard to make our joint venture with Newton a success.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Cleveland Snowhawks

Fall is here, farmers are harvesting their crops and plowing their fields. Soon you will see members of the Cleveland Snowhawks start making the snowmobile trails. They level the plowed fields, trim low branches and pound in the trail signs to make your snowmobile ride safe and enjoyable.

The Cleveland Snowhawks meet every third Thursday of the month at area establishments.

If anyone is interested in joining the Cleveland Snowhawks, please contact Tim or Todd Moddie at 686-1055.

### Cleveland Area 4H

The Cleveland Area 4H extends an invitation to area residents.

Anyone between the ages of 5 through 19 are welcome to become members and adults interested in volunteering are also welcome.

The 4H meetings are held the first Monday of the month beginning at 5:30 pm.

For further information and location, please contact: Laurie Heckmann, 693-3236.



## Recycling Fast Facts

*Kathleen Kiefaber, DNR*

We're all used to throwing our bottles, cans and paper in the recycling bin. But you may not know how much of a difference these small actions are making in preserving natural resources and saving energy. Reducing, reusing and recycling make a real difference.



- One disposable coffee cup per day creates 23 pounds of waste per year. Use reusable mugs for coffee and tea to cut back on waste.

• Almost half of the food in the U.S. goes to waste—approximately 3,000 pounds per second. Food and paper waste used for food can be composted into nutrient rich soil for use in gardens or agriculture.



- A typical American household throws away an estimated 474 pounds of food waste each year. That's equivalent to about 1.5 lbs per person per day. Food scraps generated by all U.S. households could be piled on a football field more than five miles high or 26,400 feet. According to a 2009 DNR study, about 10 percent of Wisconsin's municipal waste stream is comprised of food scraps.

- Americans throw out enough iron and steel to supply all the nation's automakers on a continual basis. [www.oberlin.edu/recycle/facts.html](http://www.oberlin.edu/recycle/facts.html)



- Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV or computer for three hours.



- Recycling five plastic (PET) bottles provides enough fiber to create one square foot of carpet or enough fiber fill for one ski jacket.

• Two thirds of beverage containers never reached a recycling plant in 2004. If they had been recycled, the US could have saved enough energy and fuel to supply power for over two million American homes for one year. (*"Drink and Deposit," by J. Gitlitz Waste Management World, Sept-Oct. 2005*)

- Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil.
- It requires only 5 percent of the energy needed to make a can of recycled aluminum as compared to virgin ore.
- In 2000, the national recycling rate of 30 percent saved the equivalent of more than five billion gallons of gasoline, reducing dependence on foreign oil by 114 million barrels. (*From Environmental Protection Agency, "Resource Conservation Challenge: campaigning Against Waste," EPA 530-F-02-033, 2002* <http://www.moab-solutions.org/recycling-factoids.html>)