

Town of Stockton

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Fall 2016 Newsletter



Dates to Remember

November 4th - Last day to vote in-person Absentee in the Clerk's Office for the November 9th General Election. No in-person registration and/or absentee voting may be conducted after 5:00 pm on the last Friday prior to the Election.

November 6th - Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Remember to turn your clock back (fall back) one hour. It's also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

November 9th - Election Day! Town of Stockton residents are encouraged to vote at the Town Hall. Polls are open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Photo ID is required

November 17th – A public hearing immediately followed by a Meeting of the Electorate convenes at 6:30 pm to consider the proposed 2017 Town of Stockton budget. The public hearing and the Meeting of Electorate will take place at the Town Hall, 7252 6th Street, Custer.

November 24th – The Town of Stockton Clerk's Office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.



Town Board Meetings

The Town of Stockton Board meets the second and fourth Mondays of the each month at 6:30 pm.

Plan Commission Meetings

The Town of Stockton Plan Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Fire Department Meetings

The Town of Stockton Fire Department members meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.



Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 is the Fall General Election which includes a number of Congressional, Legislative, State and County offices as well as the Presidential Election.

Polls will be open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

We're doing a lot of preparation in advance to make the voting experience as smooth and efficient as possible.

First, **please be patient.** There are a lot more people expected to vote in this election than other elections simply due to the presidential candidates on the ballot. We will have election personnel trained and available the entire day to guide you through the process.

Second, **photo ID is required.** The easiest form of photo ID is a Wisconsin Driver's License or Wisconsin State Issued ID card. There are a number of acceptable photo IDs if you don't have a Wisconsin Driver's License. Contact the Clerk for more information.

Next, **if you are a first time voter, new to the area, have an address change or a name change;** you will need to fill out the Wisconsin Voter Registration Application. You will need a photo ID as well as proof of residence. Contact the Clerk for further details.

If you prefer to vote Absentee, you may do so. You don't need a reason, it's your right. To vote absentee, contact the Clerk to obtain an Absentee Ballot Application. Deadline to vote Absentee in the Clerk's Office is Friday, November 4th. The Clerk's Office will be open on November 4th from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm to accommodate Absentee requests.

All mailed absentee ballots must be received via USPS by 8pm Election Day in order to be counted.

For further information regarding voting in Wisconsin, please visit the My Vote Wisconsin website: <https://myvote.wi.gov>



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Spotlight on our Emergency Response Teams

In the Town of Stockton, we're very fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers ready to perform emergency services as soon as the call comes in. Whether you're in need of Emergency Medical Responders or our Fire Department personnel, the men and women of the Town of Stockton Emergency Response Teams take pride in what they do to help you!

The second week in October is National Fire Prevention Week. During this time, we'd like to recognize the efforts of these incredible people. Below is a photo taken of the EMS and Fire Department Members. There were a few members that were unable to attend the photo session but are important just the same!

If you see these fine men and women out and about in the community, be sure to give them a "Thank You" for all of the hard work, devotion, countless hours and courageous efforts they put in to help us in emergency situations. Also deserving of our appreciation are the family and friends of these tremendous individuals. It's the interrupted meal, the absence from a family get together or school program, and/or the pager that goes off during the night that calls these folks in to action. Yes, you get used to it but many don't realize the true dedication and passion that these individuals have for their fellow community members.



Our Emergency Medical Services Team in the Town of Stockton work in conjunction with a number of Portage County agencies. From the dispatchers that gather critical information from the caller to the quick responding EMS members to the ambulance personnel and Emergency Room professionals, this group is ready to handle whatever emergency comes their way.

Also working in conjunction with other Portage County agencies and local Fire Departments on mutual aid calls, our Fire Department is an important part of our community. The Fire Fighters are trained to not only extinguish fires and help with rescue efforts but also to perform public education to prevent emergency situations from happening. You may have seen them at various community events and local parades. These guys are a dedicated group that deserves to be recognized!

If you ever wondered what it would be like to be a Fire Fighter or Emergency Medical Responder, come and meet with us. We would love to show you around! It may be one of the best decisions you'll ever make! Contact Lauri Novotny at the Town of Stockton Town Hall (715) 592-4712 or email our Fire Chief directly at ckluck.stfd@gmail.com

Town of Stockton Park Update

Town of Stockton residents can look forward to many happy gatherings with family and friends at the new Town of Stockton Park, located at 3333 Custer Road.

Frisbee lovers young and old are already enjoying the 9-hole disc golf course. Situated among a variety of oaks and evergreens on rolling hills, the course offers challenge and relaxing recreation. It is even reported that Jim Dodge, who is 82, can handle #8 pretty well!

In July, a dozen volunteers helped the Township crew and professional representatives install first-rate playground equipment at the site. This 40x70 play area boasts a variety of climbing bars, slides and swings. A huge thank you to Wimme Gravel for donating the ground cover for the playground area!

Located among flourishing trees planted several years ago are several tables and charcoal grills. This area has easy access to a clean porta-potty and the newly paved parking lot. An attractive shelter will be added next summer.

Brightening the north bank of the park is a splendid variety of annual and perennial flowers. They also highlight a lengthy walking trail. Several benches on this hill invite walkers to sit and enjoy a pleasing view of our expansive park and surrounding woods and fields.

And yes, the coming winter months may even seem less bleak to those who enjoy the well-maintained ice rink and sledding hills. Truly our community can be pleased to provide such a quality recreation space for all ages.

Fall/Winter Reminders

Please remember that garbage carts and recycling containers should be placed out for pick up on the designated days. Ensure that you are not placing carts and/or containers in the road way as this creates problems for both pedestrians and vehicle traffic. In addition, please be sure you are being mindful of the Road Right of Way. It is illegal to dump grass clippings, brush and/or other material in to this area.

As winter approaches, we'd like to remind residents of our policy for snowplowing which is to keep the main routes open, open secondary routes and then open the remaining minor roads. Our fleet of three trucks is maintained and operated by Town personnel. The snowplowing of private driveways is not done, except in emergency situations.

Also as a reminder, plowing snow into the road or across the road and into the opposite ditch is hazardous. This creates bumps, ice dams, or hazardous piles of snow on the road and causes snow to blow onto the road. Once driven on or frozen, these bumps are extremely difficult to plow and may cause a passing vehicle to lose control. If you are plowing snow across the road, clean the road immediately for safe driving for others. Otherwise, you will be notified that you are breaking the law according to Wis. Statutes 86.01. If the town needs to clean up after you, you will be billed for the work. A 2nd warning will include a fine of **\$50.00** from the Town of Stockton as stated in the Town Snow Removal Ordinance O-08-01.

How much do you know about the Town of Stockton?

1. In what year was the first Town of Stockton Town Hall built?
2. Who was a Town of Stockton Supervisor then Chairman for 40 years?
3. How many wards does the Town of Stockton have within its boundaries?
4. What is the Town of Stockton email address?
5. What handmade item was donated for the 150th Anniversary Celebration and hangs on the wall in the Town Hall?
6. Who was the Town Treasurer in 1855?
7. How many chapters are in Book One of the Wisconsin Statutes from the year 1961 and can be found on display at the Town Hall?
8. Name an item that was made in the 1930's and donated to the Town of Stockton.
9. Which Stockton teacher was awarded the Wisconsin Teacher's Certificate in the year 1937?
10. How many school districts are represented in the Town of Stockton in the year 2016?
11. Which two U.S. presidents have photos embellishing the Town Hall walls?
12. In what year was the first Town of Stockton Town Meeting held?
13. What item is on display in the Town Hall that was used to cut wood until after World War 2?
14. In what publication can you learn more about the Town of Stockton's History?
15. How many members make up the Town of Stockton Town Board?



Answers:

1. The original Town House (now known as a Town Hall) was built in 1877.
2. Stanley Kirschling was a Town of Stockton Supervisor from 1947 – 1950 then the Town Chairman from 1951 – 1988.
3. The Town of Stockton has five wards within our boundaries.
4. Our Town email address is: stockton@wi-net.com
5. A beautiful handmade quilt stitched with the years 1856 – 2006.
6. The Town Treasurer in 1855 was Mr. James F. Lytte.
7. Book One of the Wisconsin Statutes from 1961 has Chapters 1.01-176.90. Book Two encompasses Chapters 180.01-992.14.
8. Generously donated to the Town's historical collection is a potato planter which was made in Stevens Point in the 1930's.
9. Teacher Leonard Groshek was awarded the Wisconsin Teacher Certificate on September 1, 1937.
10. The Town of Stockton has three school districts - Stevens Point, Tomorrow River & Rosholt.
11. Our walls are adorned by a photo of President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln.
12. The first recorded meeting of the Town of Stockton was held at the house of John Shannon on May 28, 1855.
13. A two-person cross-cut saw was utilized until the power tools were invented, just after World War 2.
14. To learn more about the history of the Town of Stockton, you can read "Town of Stockton 150 Years" which is available to you for a small donation from our Town Clerk's Office.
15. Our Town Board is comprised of three Board Members, a Chairman and two Supervisors.

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Adopt A Road

Have you ever wondered how the Adopt-A-Road clean up works? Are you interested in volunteering but not sure who to contact or how to get started? It's rather simple! Talk it over with your club, friends, neighbors, family, etc. and pick a leader from your group, then contact Lauri Novotny, our Town Clerk, at 715-592-4712 and confirm that the roadway you wish to "adopt" is available. We generally ask for a mile stretch of road but if you prefer a longer stretch, that's fine, too!

The clerk will supply you with an application and a Consent/Release agreement for each volunteer to sign.

The Town will supply a sign with the group name or acronym to be displayed on the assigned area.

The Town will supply you with clean-up supplies that include a safety vest, gloves, trash bags and safety signs.

After you've participated in a clean-up event, contact the Town Clerk or our Town Garage to let them know where you have left the trash bags (specifically on what road) and the road crew will pick them up and dispose of them.

We ask that your group clean up the adopted road twice a year, usually in May and October, but you may perform the clean up duties at any time and more frequently if you so desire.

To those groups that continue to work diligently,
keeping our community clean and volunteering their
time to the Adopt A Road Project, Thank You!

