

# Town of Stockton

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## Spring 2017 Newsletter



### Dates to Remember

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** – 2016 dog licenses expired on December 31. The grace period for obtaining a 2017 dog license expires on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Owners are subject to a \$5 per dog late fee by WI Statute.

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Election Day! Ballots include State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Justice of the State Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge, Municipal Level Positions as well as Local School Board Member positions. 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.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Town Meeting at the Town of Stockton Town Hall beginning at 7:00 pm.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** - Spring Clean Up for Town of Stockton residents from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm.

For a calendar of events and other important information, please visit our Town website:  
<http://TownofStockton.com>



### 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.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**How do I get in touch with our garbage and/or recycling provider?** The Town of Stockton contracts with Advanced Disposal to provide weekly garbage and bi-weekly recycling services. You can reach them by calling 1-888-271-7176.

### When do I need a burning permit?

Burning Permits are required until the ground is completely snow covered. Call 1-888-WISBURN or get your annual permit at [www.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn). The Town of Stockton Clerk, Lauri Novotny, is also able to issue burning permits. The permits are valid for the 2017 calendar year and need to be obtained each year.

### What do I need to do to obtain a driveway permit?

Driveway permits are required for new, altered, or improved driveways which adjoin Town of Stockton roads. Permits are required before any work can be done. Applications can be obtained by contacting our Town Clerk or on our website. Permits for driveways adjoining County or State roads need to be obtained from Portage County Highway Department by calling 715-345-5230.

### Where can I dispose of my yard waste?

For yard waste disposal, please call Zblewski Bros. LLC in Plover (715) 341-5350. Fees are \$5 to \$25 per load and are subject to change. There is currently no charge for brush and wood. For special disposal needs year round, call the Portage County Transfer Facility, located in Plover, at (715) 343-6297 or for electronics, contact Best Buy (715) 344-0566.

### Are ATVs/UTVs allowed on Town roads?

The Town of Stockton does not have ATV/UTV trails within our boundaries. The use of ATV/UTVs on Town roads is prohibited.

## Saying Goodbye to Winter

Most of us are excited to see that SPRING has officially begun but let us not forget the blustery winter weather that leads most of us to moan and groan as we contemplate venturing outdoors to make our way to work and school each day. Recently, Lauri Novotny (our very own Town Clerk) spent some time riding along with a few of our snow plow drivers to get a first-hand look at what it takes to be able to do what they do, day in and day out. It was an eye-opening experience to say the least!

Not only are the snow plow trucks large and heavy (in excess of 60,000 lbs without salt/sand) but when you add the 12-foot front blade and 9-foot side blade, the plow is a massive machine! There are flashing lights, a rear camera, controls for the various blades, controls for the sand and salt mixture, interior temperature controls, engine gauges, and so much more – add that to the windy conditions which cause drifting of snow and minimal visibility – these guys have a lot of responsibility when behind the wheel of these big trucks!

We often take for granted that the plow is going to keep our streets clean for our daily commute. What we may not realize the depth of their job. For example, as the plow driver is pulling up to an intersection, he needs to consider the length of the plow in addition to the truck as he nears the stop sign or intersection. There is much less visibility when pulling out to an intersection that has trees and/or other obstacles within the line of vision. A great example of this is pulling on to County Highway J from one of the intersecting streets. As the driver visually inspects the lanes of traffic, he then has to pull on to the road but as he does, he has to constantly be aware of the length of plow in front of him. He isn't just pulling in to his lane as the length of the truck/plow doesn't allow for that. He is essentially utilizing both lanes for his turns in order to turn adequately. In addition, something that Lauri found interesting is that as the plow makes a right hand turn with both the center blade and right plow wing down, they have to back track and make multiple passes in order to clean up the intersection to allow for safe travel. It's not just turning the corner as it might appear.

There are obstacles to be aware of as well including but not limited to:

- Garbage cans remaining on non-garbage or recycling days – Going around a garbage can once may not seem like much but when the snow and ice harden or more garbage cans are present, this creates a zig-zag appearance. It's much more efficient when they can plow a straight path and maneuver around less obstacles such as garbage or recycling cans.
- Low hanging trees – During the winter months as well as over the course of the year, our Stockton Road Crew works to maintain trees and brush in the road right-of-way as well as maintaining the roads year round whether it be snow, ice, wind or whatever Mother Nature decides to throw at us. Low hanging trees can reduce visibility and pose hazards to vehicle travel whether it is plow trucks, emergency vehicles or other travel in the vicinity.
- Snow and other ice build up from residents plowing across the road and in to the road (which is prohibited) – Although it is the resident's responsibility to clear snow from the front of the mailbox area, please be aware that leaving rows or piles of snow in the roadway is dangerous.
- Narrow roadways – Some of our roads are narrower than others making it more difficult to maneuver the large plow truck especially when meeting a passing vehicle.
- Small children – Allowing small children to watch the snow plow truck as it goes by is great but when the children are playing near the road, that's dangerous. Should the truck slide on ice or the child quickly dart out in the road, this could cause a serious accident.

Not only are the drivers constantly monitoring the weather but they're also deciding the amount of salt/sand mixture to use, when to use it and how to maintain the best roads possible for travel. Although their maximum rate of speed is typically 25-35 mph, depending on conditions, they cannot control the snow. The faster they drive, the further they're able to push the snow as the plow has more momentum but, the weight of the snow tends to cause damage to items like mailboxes and surrounding trees. Light, fluffy snow will blow off the plow much easier than the heavy, wet snow.

Our drivers use their best judgment. Safety is a priority. The more we can be aware of their job, the safer we can make our Town not only for our plow drivers but our residents as well. Things to remember: 1) If you're meeting a plow truck, realize that the driver is trying to move over as far as he can but the road may be narrow or there may be another obstacle in the way that prohibits the truck from being able to move over more. 2) When pulling out in front of a plow truck, it may appear safe to you but the stopping distance is greater with the sheer weight of the truck, added to the salt/sand – that's a lot of truck to stop quickly if need be. 3) Drivers are people too. They have families and enjoy the beauty of our Town just as you do. They put in long hours whether it be evening, weekend or extended day, enduring numerous obstacles and battling whatever Mother Nature has provided whether it be snow or ice, wind or freezing rain. These guys are dedicated to keeping our roads as clean as possible. It's often a thankless job but certainly one that we can all attest is an important one!

The Town of Stockton has 87.21 miles of roads that are maintained by three very dedicated full-time individuals and one part-time individual. The County Highways, US Hwy 10 and I-39 are maintained by Portage County. The Town of Stockton crew is responsible for not only our Town roads but also maintaining the intersections within our Town as they intersect with County roads. It's a joint effort at times to maintain the road integrity as well as safety for all travelers.

## Road Side/Ditch Clean Up and Maintenance

Living in a rural community, we often encounter littering along the roads and ditch lines. There are a number of volunteer groups that participate in the Adopt-A-Road program, helping to clean up the roadsides and make our community a cleaner place. If you or your group would like to volunteer, contact our Town Clerk for further details. Thank you to all that help keep our Town clean.

In addition, the Town Board reminds you that it is unlawful to plow, cultivate or otherwise work any land within the road right-of-way. We also recommend that farmers do not enter onto the road to turn equipment on the blacktop as this action damages the road surface. Violation can result in fines and cost of restoring the ditch or highway or both to their former condition. Refer to state statute 86.021.



# STOCKTON

FIRE RESCUE EMS

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HIRING!**



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*Be part of the community.*

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## Contact Us

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Fire Station  
715-592-3473

Chris Kluck-Fire Chief  
715-347-0330  
ckluck.stfd@gmail.com



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## **Annual Spring Clean Up - Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until 2 pm**

Annual Spring Clean Up will take place at the Town Garage, 7252 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Custer.  
The event is **open to Stockton residents only** (proof of residence required).  
There is a limit of two loads per household.

**Items Accepted:** The Town will accept and dispose of used motor oil, furniture, mattresses, carpets, lawn mowers and small motors (oil & gas drained), electronics, recyclables, flattened cardboard and containers, certain major appliances, and paint dried in the container.

**Items Not Accepted:** Yard waste, concrete, roofing materials, rocks and electronics not listed below. We also will not accept household garbage. This should be placed in your garbage cart for regular curbside pick up.

### **Fees (Subject to Change):**

**FREE** - Computers, printers, mice and keyboards, cables, chargers, stereos, VCR and/or DVD players

**\$15 each** - Small TVs 27" & under, computer monitors, and microwaves

**\$30 to \$40 each** – Consoles and TVs over 27"

**\$25 each** - Freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers

**Tires** - \$3 each per car tire, \$10 each per truck, or \$30 each per tractor tire

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