

PLAN COMMISSION NEWS – SURVEY OF TOWN RESIDENTS

It's been six-years since the Town of Mitchell last asked its residents their beliefs on how the Town should develop. At that time, residents said they wanted the Town to remain a rural, agricultural community; grow at a slower rate than was occurring then; increase the minimum lot size in the Town (it was then 1-acre, it's now 3-acres); and remain a single family residential community that relies on individual on-site sewage disposal systems (no sentiment for clustering of development on a larger parcel or forming small sanitary districts to serve areas of concentrated development).

So what do residents believe now?

You'll soon have your chance to tell the Town how you believe the Town should develop in the future.

In early January, the Plan Commission will mail out surveys to all residential addresses in the Town. The survey will ask questions on housing development, transportation, agricultural, natural resources, cultural resources, public facilities and utilities, economic development, land use, and inter-governmental cooperation issues. The Plan Commission will then use your responses in preparing a Smart Growth plan for the Town.

Please look for, complete, and return your questionnaire as soon as possible.

DRIVEWAYS AND CULVERTS

Town ordinances and policies require that all driveways in the Town have a culvert where the driveway meets a public

road. They also require pre-approval by the Town Road Commissioner for all driveways (the Town Chairperson is the Town Road Commissioner).

Driveways, at a minimum, are to have a surface that can be driven under all weather conditions and be at least 12-feet in width.

They must also have a clear-area of at least 24-feet in width and 14-feet in height that has no shrubs, bushes, trees, rocks, or similar intruding on it.

Culverts, at a minimum, must be made of metal or concrete and must be at least 24-feet in length and 15-inches in diameter.

So before you install a new driveway or arrange to have a new home constructed, call Chip Beckford, Town Road Commissioner at 528-8692, for approval of the driveway's location and culvert's size and placement.

TOWN POSTING LOCATIONS

The Town Board expects to change one of its 3 posting places – the one in the northeast part of the Town (currently at Johnson Wood Products on County N).

Once the new location is chosen, the Town will place an ad in *The Review* and post notices of the change at both the new and old (Town Hall, Parnell School, and Johnson Wood Products) posting locations.

If you have any questions, please call Barbara Crosser, Town Clerk at 528-7776.

DOG LICENSING

It's that time again!

Time for you to license all dogs that you own or that you keep in the Town (whether you own them or not).



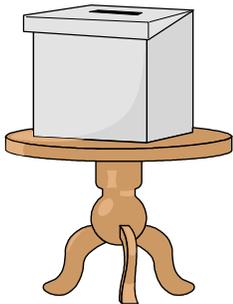
By law all dog licenses run from January 1st through December 31st each year but gives you until April 1st to license
REMEMBER:

- all dogs that are 5 months or older must be licensed each year;
- all dogs must show proof that they have been vaccinated against rabies before a dog license is issued to them;
- dogs that are less than 5 months of age on April 1st this year (or when they are first brought into the Town) must be licensed when they become 5 months of age;
- the fee for licensing spayed or neutered dogs is \$3 and for un-neutered or un-spayed dogs \$8;
- a \$5 late fee per dog will be charged for any dogs that are licensed after April 1st if they were old enough to be licensed by April 1st.

TO LICENSE YOUR DOG: Call Rosemary Muga, Town Treasurer 528-8494.

I'LL BE OUT OF TOWN . . .

OR HOW TO VOTE WITH AN ABSENTEE BALLOT



If you believe you will not be able to get to the Town Hall to vote for either the Election on April 1st or the Primary (if it is needed) on February 18th, you can vote using an absentee ballot. In Wisconsin, you need not state a reason why you wish to vote by absentee ballot. You need

only request one in writing.

If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, please contact Barbara Crosser, Town Clerk at 528-7776 to arrange for one.

your dogs without having to pay a late fee, but as of January 1, 2003, your dog no longer has a valid dog license.

TOWN PICNIC & HOMECOMING

The Town Family Picnic and Homecoming for 2003 has been tentatively set for Saturday, July 12th.

If you are interested in heading the effort to plan or in helping to plan or run this activity please call Chip Beckford at 528-8692. Chip hopes to have the first meeting, in March, of those interested in helping.

As in past years, the Picnic and Homecoming will be held at the Town Park.

SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JULY 12TH

BUILDING PERMITS -- AFTER 1-YEAR . . .

Town of Mitchell building permits are good for 1-year from the date of issuance.

Town issued UDC (state uniform dwelling code) permits for the construction of new 1- or 2-family homes are good for 2-years from the date of issuance.

Both types of permits can be renewed for another year at half the original cost.

VOTING NEWS

54% Turnout

54% of the Town's residents who are over 18-years of age came out on November 5th to vote, a total of 476 votes. This turn-out rate is up from the 49% for the 1994 gubernatorial election but down from the 60% for the 1998 gubernatorial and the 70% and 84% for the 1996 and 2000 presidential elections. Not too bad; we did better than the average for the rest of the state, where the turnout rate was 44%.

Our State legislators are now Dan LeMahieu, Representative, 59th Assembly District and Mary Panzer, Senator, 20th Senatorial District.

There is only one set of elections next year – the Spring, non-partisan, election. Locally, we will be electing all five town officers (Town Chairperson, 2 Supervisors, Clerk, and Treasurer) as well as school board members. Statewide one supreme court judge is up for election.

The Election will be held on Tuesday, April 1st and the polls at the Town Hall will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Should there need to be a Primary for any of the offices, it will be held on Tuesday, February 18th with the same poll hours.



PAIL & SHOVEL PARTY

The Town Board realizes there are times when sidewalks get very icy and a small amount of sand is needed by residents. To meet this need the Board, again this winter, has arranged to have a supply of sand available at the old town dump for town residents' use (the old dump is on the north side of Parnell Road just east of the Town Park, about a quarter mile east of the intersection of Parnell Road with County Roads A & V).

PLEASE, use only pails and shovels to load and remove the sand from the pile. Remember, if your sidewalk is icy, other residents' sidewalks are too.

RECYCLING NEWS

All residents of the Town are eligible for curbside collection of trash and recyclable materials. The monthly cost to residents is \$8.50 per address using the service. The annual cost to the Town is \$12,420 (or about \$28.00 per residence in the Town). The Town contracts for

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this service with J. D. Trucking of Waldo. Trash and recyclables are picked up every two weeks on either a Thursday or Friday depending on which part of Town you live in. If you are not now having J. D. Trucking pick up your trash and recyclables and would like to, please call the Town Clerk at (920) 528-7776.

J. D. Trucking requires we use clear plastic bags for all trash or recyclable items. Use of the clear bags makes it easier for J. D.'s employees to put the trash and recyclables into the proper trucks and to make sure there are no recyclables in with the trash. The State may inspect any loads of trash going to a landfill to see if there are any recyclable materials in with the trash. If the State finds any, they will fine the hauler and require the hauler to sort through the load to remove any recyclable materials from the trash.

What recyclable items will J. D. Trucking pick up?

- Class 1 and 2 plastics (food grade plastics) with caps removed and rinsed out;
- Glass jars and bottles, whether clear or colored, with caps removed and rinsed out;
- Metal cans, both aluminum and tin and steel food cans, that have been rinsed out;
- Newspapers and newsprint which are bundled and tied;
- Glossy print materials such a magazines which are bundled and tied; and
- Corrugated cardboard boxes (not cereal or other flat cardboard boxes) which are flattened, bundled, and tied.

In addition to the curbside pickup, between the months of March and October, the Town has arranged with J. D. Trucking to be at the Town Hall on the last Saturday of the month, to pickup metal and old appliances (except those containing Freon, such as refrigerators, air conditions, dehumidifies, etc.). Although none of the following can be put out for pickup, for a fee you may bring them to J. D. Trucking's facilities in Waldo for disposal – old iron, couches, mattresses,

televisions, tires, oil, batteries, and construction or remodeling debris (roofing, siding, plaster, drywall, scrap lumber, etc.).

PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION – AT MITCHELL TOWN HALL

Saturday	Dec. 14, 2002	9:00 a.m. - Noon	IMPORTANT NOTES ONLY checks or money orders will be accepted by mail or for payments at the Treasurer’s home. Stamped, self-addressed envelope required for receipt. Real Estate taxes may be paid semi-annually: · First half due to TOWN OF MITCHELL, TREAS., on or before January 31, 2003 and · Balance to COUNTY TREASURER on or before July 31, 2003 Real and Personal Property taxes may be paid in full on or before January 31, 2003.
Saturday	Dec. 21, 2002	9:00 a.m. - Noon	
Saturday	Dec. 28, 2002	9:00 a.m. - Noon	
Monday	Dec. 30, 2002	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	
Tuesday	Dec. 31, 2002	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	
Saturday	Jan. 11, 2003	9:00 a.m. - Noon	
Saturday	Jan. 18, 2003	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	
Saturday	Jan. 25, 2003	9:00 a.m. - Noon	
Wednesday	Jan. 29, 2003	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	
Thursday	Jan. 30, 2003	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	
Friday	Jan. 31, 2003	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	

DOG TAX

ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED AND VACCINATED

Landlords – Please inform your renters !

At time of licensing, give breed, sex, name, and color of dog; and bring or send proof of rabies vaccination. Mail-ins are allowed, if records are provided BUT you must include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for return of the license(s). Costs are as follows:

Unneutered male or Unspayed female \$ 8.00 Neutered male or Spayed female \$ 3.00
 Kennel license \$35.00 for up to 12 dogs PLUS \$3.00 for each additional dog

Late Fee \$5.00 per dog if licensed after April 1, 2003

TOWN OFFICIALS

ELECTED:

Chairman:	Chip Beckford	528-8692	Clerk:	Barbara Crosser	528-7776
Supervisors:	John Flunker	528-8374	Treasurer:	Rosemary Mugan	528-8494
	Luke Mugan	528-7474			

APPOINTED:

Building Inspector:	Pete Scheuerman	526-2200	Assessor:	William Barbieur	892-2898
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE & SENATOR:

Representative, 59 th District:		Senator, 20 th District
Dan LeMahieu	564-3392	Mary E. Panzer (800) 662-1227

MITCHELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 8, 2003 – 8:00 p.m. – Town Hall, Parnell