
DOG LICENSING

Dog Licenses were due April 1!!

There is now a \$25.00 per dog late fee that must be paid. After May 1st the fee will go up an additional \$10. If you haven't licensed your dog(s) yet contact Rosemary Mugan at 528-8494.

Second Installment property taxes are due July 31.

They are to be mailed to:

Laura Henning-Lorenz, County Treasurer
508 New York Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53082-0202.

The Greater Parnell Area Rummage Sales

The 2nd Annual Greater Parnell Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, May 24, 2008, starting at 8 a.m.

Sign-up sheets will be available starting May 12th at the Parnell Ball Park and at the Town Hall. If you plan to have a sale that Saturday, please add your name & address. We will put it on the map. Copies of the final map will be available the Thursday before the sale.

Sellers - Have some maps on hand at your sale to help direct buyers to other sales.

If you have suggestions, comments, or questions, call Sherry at 528-8374 or Jackie at 528-7385.

Remodeling Committee

by Scott Rady

Remodel committee report for the residents concerned about the old Parnell school.

The "remodel committee" was formed promptly after the "special town" meeting held to determine what to do with the school. Being instructed by the electors to turn it into a new town hall, the committee went to work and gathered current estimates from multiple contractors concerning the upgrading of the building to meet the standards set by the first committee.

Their findings were given to the town board in Jan. at the "monthly town board" meeting by John Wendorf, and available for all townspeople to view. The results summary released to the board determined the first committee's estimate of \$166,000.00 to do the job was way out of date and that even after making some concessions on the original

estimate, to make the building Sound & Functional would run between \$198,000.00 and \$350,000.00 depending on which contractor we would chose. These costs did not include parking lot expansion, landscaping, or a new roof (determined after having core samples taken) which would be necessary within a few years. Depending on what style of roof was added Total cost could be near \$400,000.00.

These results were again reviewed at the "town board meeting" in February. At that point, the "remodel committee" meetings were suspended until the electorate of the town had an opportunity to review these findings for a couple of months and could consider whether to increase the budget for the job or find other options at the "annual Town meeting", always held the second Tuesday in April.

The "remodel committee" being under request of the towns people to get the job done quickly, doubled up the monthly schedule and held meetings every other Monday. They were posted and attended by several people (You know who you are and should be commended) concerned about what was happening, and those people gave us input and expressed concerns.

The members of the remodel committee are: John Wendorf, Louie Jeager, Tim Mugan, Diana Hoffmann and Jackie Veldmann. They are also to be commended for gathering all they did, in such a short time. Thank you all !!!

The Electors at the "Annual Town Meeting" motioned, seconded and voted to authorize the Town Board sell the property because it would be too much of a financial undertaking to remodel.

SLOW DOWN!!!

With the arrival of the nice weather, DRIVERS - Please Slow Down!!!! There are people out riding their bikes, taking a walk, and getting in a run, as well as farmers getting out their equipment to start field work. These people have the right to use the roads as well as drivers.

With the hilly terrain and the curvy roads, you never know what may be over the next hill or around the next corner!! There are posted speed limits as well as caution signs posted throughout the Town. Please remember these signs apply to Town Roads as well as County Roads. Please think of the people around you and SLOW DOWN!!!!

Just because school is almost over for the summer, don't forget about those school busses. Please allow the drivers and the children safe stopping distances.

We've also had several complaints about people's failure to stop at posted stop signs around the Town. Please obey the laws and STOP at those stop signs.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN....

As we head into Spring and Summer, I wanted to mention a few things that have happened in the Town over the last months. The Board did its annual review of the Town Roads and presented these findings at the Annual Meeting. Since we have incurred some very big plowing bills this winter we will be doing only what is necessary to the roads this summer to maintain them.

We do need to look at a major overhaul of Senic through the forest as that road is in the roughest shape of any road in the Town.

We met with the DNR to see if we can get any monetary support for a major overhaul of the section from Ash to

Shamrock. If we cannot, we may end up closing the road until we can get additional funds to fix it. The road only has one part time residence on it, and it would not be a real hardship if we have to close it on a temporary basis.

The Town has always prided itself on maintaining the roads and we have to balance this with the burden on the taxpayers. We will discuss this more at future Town Board Meetings.

The Smartgrowth plan was presented to the Board and has been adopted. We are now finishing the Zoning portion of the plan, which should be finished in a few months. This means the Town will be zoned. To the average resident there will be little difference but it will give the Town the structure and ordinances to protect the Town into the future from uncontrolled growth.

This is what the majority of the Town residents wanted and the Town plan reflects this. I would like to thank all of you who have attended the meetings for your input! I also want to thank the Plan Commission for their very hard work in doing this plan, you have done a wonderful job!

At the Annual Town Meeting, the Electors authorized the Town to dispose of the Parnell school since it is too expensive to fix. The Town Board has concurred with this and approved the sale of the School. If you know anyone who may be interested please contact the Town.

As a last note, we receive many calls, requests, and yes some complaints from taxpayers every year. Every issue is important, but I want to remind everyone that there are many things going on all the time, and your request, however important, is not the only one. The Town Board does its best to run the Town to everyone's benefit, but we also have many things going on and cannot solve an issue instantaneously!

Please be patient and courteous with the Clerk, Building Inspector, and other Town officials. Try to make your requests in a timely fashion and not at the last minute! Building permits and requests cannot be handled instantly! Thanks for your cooperation. Please attend the meetings and keep yourself informed of what is happening in the Town. Have a great spring and summer!

Chip Beckford

Clerk's Corner.....

Well, we are down to 2 more elections for the year.

The election dates are as follows:

September 9th

Partisan Primary

November 4th

General Election (Presidential)

Again, our Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

AND

If you are not yet registered, please contact me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to get registered. The polls get very busy and people are in a hurry - It could save you a lot of time registering ahead of time.

AND

By request of several Town residents, the Town of Mitchell will now have "I VOTED" stickers!

Besides election information, I don't have a lot for this newsletter. The only thing I can really stress is please attend meetings held in the Town. ALL meetings are posted. ALL Town residents are welcome to attend the meetings - even if you are not on the Agenda. It is the best way to be informed of what is happening in the Town and the only way to know exactly what happened or what was said at a meeting. I get several calls per month from people who are upset about something that happened at a meeting. A meeting that they didn't even attend. A meeting they heard about second or third hand. Please attend meetings and keep yourself informed!! If you cannot attend the meetings, the agendas and minutes are posted on the Town's website. This is another good way to keep yourself informed.

I do have ONE more thing....

Is anyone interested in having a TOWN PICNIC this year?? It is a great way to see people you haven't seen in a while, meet your neighbors, BE A COMMUNITY, all while having some FUN!

If you are interested, and you are willing to help plan, or have ideas, please contact me. You can e-mail me at town@excel.net or call me at 528-7776.

If we don't have anyone step forward to help with the Town Picnic, there may not be one this year.

(Now I'm done)

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Cascade First Responders

Submitted by Valerie Halvorson

Mark your calendars for Sunday Jun 1st and come on over to the Cascade Fire Hall for the First Responder All You Can Eat Breakfast! We're serving eggs, pancakes, ham, sausage, bacon, potato pancakes, and has browns from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. Advanced tickets will be sold at local businesses.

We're looking for new members. Please call Darrel Kasuboski at 528-8496 to find out how you can join our group.

We'd love to have you!!

Cascade Fire Department

Just a reminder - with grass burning season here, please be sure to call the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department at 459-3111 to advise them that a controlled burn is going to be conducted and how long it will last. Also, use extreme caution when you are burning and be courteous to your neighbors.

Todd Triebensee, Fire Chief

Cascade Fire Department

Supervisors snippets

If it were possible for a supervisor to help his community become the best possible place to live for all who reside there it would be his obligation to give it his best shot. So here is my current best shot. Taking aim at increasing the knowledge base of our constituents would benefit all.

To strike the Bull's-eye my goal would have all residents in the town to know and understand all the ordinances. Seeing that is a long shot due to the fact that some rules have been added and others changed over the past few

years. New residents may have recently arrived here not yet understanding the goals of our township. Then there is the deliberately ignorant crowd, the ones who need a "shot fired over the bow" before they listen. We appreciate the few folks that come to our town meetings to check on changes, the agenda includes a time for public comments or questions. (Town meetings are at 7:30pm on the second Monday of the month) If U have internet access, the complete ordinance list will be available at our town website soon, a few are available now.

In order not to target anyone in particular I will just review a few ordinances that recently have been violated. If you find yourself in the Crosshairs please do a self examination, as it could benefit U and others around U in the future.

Shot one: Many may not realize it is not legal to push snow across a highway to clean out a driveway. This can cause multiple problems but the worst is not seeing or being seen by a vehicle after snow flies resulting in a collision, also the piles that are left alongside the plowpath can cause damage or even loss of control to vehicles passing over them before U have a chance to make another pass; if damage results you are liable for the repairs. And can receive a fine.

Shot two: There is a limit to how many animals you can raise upon a parcel of land, these limitations can be found in the "animal units" part of the towns "Smart Growth Plan" If you currently have more animals then allowed U are "Grandfathered" but that does not allow you to add any more animals, which includes breeding to increase numbers. As sales or deaths occur you may not replace animals until under the regulated amount.

Shot three: If U are a landowner changing the current use of a parcel from the historic use of that same parcel within the town U must go to the planning commission to determine if it is acceptable within the towns plan. You can be put on the Planning commission agenda by contacting the clerk or chairman.

Shot four: Building permits are required if any home improvement, building or remodeling project which will have a cost of materials or labor in excess of \$1,000.00. Contact the building inspector if you need one.

Shot Five: Any newspaper carrier that does not have the ability due to circumstance to properly deliver a paper to its receptacle should not throw it somewhere nearby. This is littering. If access to the receptacle is restricted, the receiver should not get his paper, this will either cause this person to shovel out, repair or replace

said receptacle or go without coupons.

My clip is empty for now (It is reloadable) and with your cooperation on these items our town will be a safer & more attractive place to live in, "one where neighbors really are."

Thank you all. Supervisor, Scott Rady

Volunteers needed at park

The buildings at the town park need painting. If your organization is looking for a community service project or you, as an individual, would be able to spare a Saturday to help paint it would be appreciated. Call Ron Sippel, MAC president, at 528-8929 or John Flunker at 528-8374.

Hackable? *NOT!!*

Mitchell uses two computer voting machines to tally the votes cast by town residents. The first one (the Eagle) we started using nearly 20 years ago. It sits on the big blue box and it's the one that reads and records the votes cast on the hard cardboard ballots. The newer machine (the Edge) sits on the table; it allows residents to mark their ballots either by touching a computer screen or by touching buttons on a controller.

You have all heard or read about the problems with computer voting machines. The charges are:

- * The machine could record your vote anyway it wants to; once you cast your vote, there's no way to be sure how the machine is recording it.
- * All that can be reviewed, when there's a disputed vote count, is the totals as recorded by the computer machine.
- * Any half-way competent hacker during the election can get into the machine and change the votes already cast to anything he or she wants them to be.

NOT TRUE !! Let me explain ...

Machine Could Record Your Vote Any Old Way. Before each election, Mitchell's Clerk (as well as all other clerks in Sheboygan County) tests the accuracy of each machine's programming. This is done by running through each a pre-determined pattern of votes (the voting pattern is hand-counted before it is run through each machine). And only if each machine reports this voting pattern accurately is the programming used to count the election. This testing of the computer machines is done publicly (the day and time of the testing is both posted in the Town's 3 posting places and published as a legal ad in the *Review*). Anyone can

watch the Clerk run the test ballots through both the Edge and the Eagle and can compare the computers' results to the hand counted tally sheets. Also, since there are paper ballots for both machines (see below), you can review your paper ballot before you have the machine record it.

Only Vote Totals Can be Reviewed in a Recount. Both the Eagle and the Edge have paper ballots. For the Eagle, they are the heavy cardboard ballots you mark and feed into it and, during the election, are stored in the locked bins of the big blue box the machine sits on. For the Edge, each ballot as it is voted is printed on the sealed printer roll on the left side of the voting screen and each voter is asked to review and approve before it is cast / recorded. Once cast the paper ballot is rolled up onto a spool and stored in the sealed cabinet next to the machine. At the end of the day, the election inspectors remove both sets of paper ballots from their sealed and locked cabinets, place them in a ballot carton that they then seal, and take them to the County Clerk's office for storage. It is these paper ballots that are reviewed and recounted in the event of a disputed vote count.

Hackers Can Change the Votes as They Are Cast. In order for a hacker to change cast votes while the election is occurring, the hacker would have to have access to the programming that instructs the machines how they are to count either the marks on a cardboard ballot or touches on a computer screen. Neither machine relies on an external source to record or count the votes cast; neither machine is connected to any telephone lines or the Internet either before, during, or after an election; and neither machine by itself has a way of changing the programming. Both machines have removable, internal memory cards that tell them how to record and count the votes. These memory cards are programmed elsewhere and are sealed into the machines prior to the election. It is these removable internal memory cards, at the end of the election day, that are taken out of their locked and sealed locations and brought to the County. The County then uses these memory cards to report the combined voting results for Sheboygan County.

PS: Before the polls are opened, the last three things the election inspectors do is to (1) check that there are no ballots in the bins of the Eagle's blue box or on the Edge's printer spool and the memory cards are sealed in place; (2) run-off an election results tape on each machine to make sure there are no votes already recorded on the memory cards and, if the tapes show zero ballots, sign the tapes; and (3) lock and seal the bins and printer spool.

TOWN OFFICIALS

ELECTED:

Chairman: Chip Beckford 528-8692 Clerk: Jodee Mugan 528-7776
Supervisors: John Flunker 528-8374 Treasurer: Rosemary Mugan 528-8494
Scott Rady 980-8282

APPOINTED:

Building Inspector: Paul Birschbach 920-849-9274 Assessor: William Barbieur 892-2898

Park Reservation: Mitchell Athletic Club President Ron Sippel 528-8929
Town Hall Reservation: Town of Mitchell Treasurer Rosemary Mugan 528-8494

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

County Board Supervisor, District 32: Dick Bemis 994-9026
Representative, 59th District: Senator, 20th District
Dan LeMahieu (888) 534-0059 Glenn Grothman (888) 534-0058

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