



THE CENTERVILLE CLARION

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CENTERVILLE

MARCH 2024

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Annual Town Meeting

The Centerville Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at LTC. There will be lunch and refreshments starting at 6:00 pm sponsored by Cleveland State Bank. The Annual Meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. The meeting this year will be held in the Lake Michigan Room which is located past the cafeteria and up the stairs on the right. Use the East entrance and enter in door L8 as usual, we will have people to help direct you there.

The Annual Town Meeting is your chance to voice your concerns, ask questions, hear what is going on in the Town or maybe just socialize with friends and neighbors. This year we will have a public discussion session regarding moving to county zoning (article below) We hope to see you there.

A copy of the Annual Report for your review is included with this newsletter. We will answer any questions you may have at the meeting or you can call one of the board members.

There will be reports from the Zoning Administrator, Assessor, Enforcement Officer, Fire Department, County Supervisor, the road report and a short presentation on the new culvert lining process we used on a few of the culverts in the town.

There is also a place on the agenda for open discussion where any questions or concerns may be addressed. As always, the Town Board values your opinions on Town matters.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1 - Dog Licenses due

April 2 - Spring Election 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

April 11 - April Town Board Mtg 6:00 pm

April 16 - Annual Town Meeting 6:30 pm

April 25 - Summer Trap League begins at Cleveland Fish & Game

*May 5 - Cleveland Fire Department Brat Fry
11am - 7pm*

May 14 - May Town Board Mtg 6:00 pm

July 26, 27 & 28 - Cleveland Fishing Derby

Aug. 3 & 4- Dairyland Festival

Public Information and Discussion on Moving to County Zoning

At the Annual Town Meeting on April 16 we will be having a public information and discussion on moving to county zoning. This topic was brought up at last year's annual meeting. The Town Board then had the Planning and Zoning Commission consider and review this option. After a number of meetings and careful consideration, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended to the Town Board to move to county zoning.

This information and discussion session at the Annual Town Meeting is the last step in the process before the Town Board would pass a resolution to move our zoning to Manitowoc County.

There are many reasons why we are considering this move. Please see the complete article on this on pages 6 & 7.

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting to hear more about it or express your opinions on it.

Town Revaluation

This year the assessor for the Town of Centerville will be doing a revaluation of the town. This will involve comparing all classes of property in the town and reviewing every property in the town.

By state law, municipalities are required to have assessed values be as close to the market value as possible. The state uses property sales to review the assessed values of each municipality and adjusts a value for each, this is called the equalized value. The equalized value is used to give an equitable and comparative value between municipalities for distribution of county, state and school taxes.

A town revaluation will also re-adjust assessments between different classes in the town, ex. residential, commercial, forest etc. This re-adjustment assures equity between the different classes so everyone is paying their fair share of the taxes in the town. **Continued on page 2.**

Town Revaluation continued from page 1.

The revaluation should be completed by late spring or early summer. Notices will be sent out and there will be an open book and board of review set up later this year.

If you have any questions on this, please plan on attending the annual meeting or contacting one of the town board members.



Spring Elections

Spring primary elections will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2024, in the Sheboygan Room at Lakeshore Technical College. The polls will be open from 7:00 in the morning until 8:00 in the evening. If you are unable to vote during these hours, please take advantage of using an absentee ballot. An application for an absentee ballot can be obtained on the State of Wisconsin’s Government Accountability Board web site, by calling the Clerk at 920-758-2720 or visit the myvotewi.gov web site. There is also a link on the town website.

This year there are elections for the Democratic and Republican Presidential Primaries, Manitowoc Circuit Court Judge—Branch 2, County Supervisor and School Board elections for Kiel, Manitowoc and Sheboygan. There are also 2 state referendum questions on the ballot. Detailed information can be found on MyVote WI or a sample ballot will be on the town website.

Voter ID is required for voting, be sure to bring proper identification. However, those registering to vote for the first time or changing the name or address listed on their voter registration must bring proof of residency, with their current name and address.



Dog Licenses

All dogs in the Town must be licensed by April 1. Dogs 5 months old and older must be vaccinated and licensed. License fees are \$5.00 for neutered and spayed dogs; \$10.00 for unsprayed and unneutered dogs.

After April 1, there will be a \$25.00 late fee. Please send license fees, with proof of vaccination, to Cynthia Kraemer, 9530 County Road X, Newton, WI 53063.

The Town of Centerville Annual Report is located on pages 8 & 9 of this newsletter

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ATV Routes in the Town



The Town of Centerville ordinances have been amended to allow ATV/UTV traffic on all town roads.

Please note that ATVs & UTVs are not permitted on County roads. County roads in the town are the following: County F, County X, County XX (North Ave), County LS and County DL.

ATV Route Signs will soon be placed on town roads that intersect with county roads and the Village of Cleveland boundaries. If you are unsure of what is a town road, there is a map on the town website which shows which are town roads. (Also see small map on page 10).

Building Permits

Please remember to obtain a building permit prior to any construction over \$800 in value or that change the outside dimensions of your structure.



Please note building permit fees *double* for any building without permits. Demolition Permits are available for no charge and help ensure removed buildings are removed from your tax bill

Building permits can be obtained from Russ Tooley, Zoning Administrator, 920-726-4900. Please call to schedule an appointment.

Reporting Town Road Problems

Thank you to all town residents who have reported road problems this past year. Unfortunately, town officers are not able to see or drive all town roads as often as we would like, nor do we have full-time employees ready to spot road situations. We do appreciate calls reporting road problems. You are providing a valuable service to the town. Thanks again!



Burning Permits



Town ordinances require burning permits for open burning in the town. Burning permits may be obtained from one of the Town Board members or Zoning Administrator. You do not need a permit for contained fires, campfire or burning container.

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Cleveland Fire Department

The Cleveland Fire Department Annual Brat Fry

SUNDAY, MAY 5th from 11 am - 7 pm at the Firehouse.

There will be lots of brats, burgers, chicken, patty melts, steak sandwiches (made to order), grill cheese, and French Fries along with many **HOMEMADE** desserts! We will have all day raffles, bucket raffles, and silent auction items~

This is the only fundraiser for our organization! Your support is very appreciated~ All the profits are used for training, update equipment and gear, and upkeep of the building.

We could use your help~ We are looking for First Responders and Firefighters!!! Please consider volunteering to help your families, friends, and neighbors... If you're interested in caring for someone in a time of need or currently work in the medical field, please get involved with our First Responders. Meetings are the 2nd Thursday at 7 pm. Our firefighters meet the 1st and 3rd Monday at 7 pm. Please call Chief Tony Meyer (920)905-1138 if you'd like more information!

If you know a 14 - 17 year old that you think would be interested in learning about firefighting, please let us know! It's a hands on experience to explore the world of firefighting.

Check out our Facebook page (5 Star Explorer Program) to see what we do! Please call Dean at (920)960-2932 if you'd like any information! Hope to see you at the brat fry!

FREE Electronics Recycling Event

A special electronic collection will take place on Saturday, April 6th (8 am to noon) at the Recycling Center for Centerville and Newton residents. Any electronic product with a cord will be accepted. They also will accept clean refrigerators only. Please take advantage of this **FREE** recycling event.

For other freon appliance disposal, see bottom of page 8.

Trespassing on Private Beach Property

The town and county have received complaints of people trespassing onto private Lake Michigan beach property.

The common understanding of public lake area is the high water mark. However, according to DNR regulations people do have a right to walk the Lake Michigan shorelines, but must keep their feet in the water at all times and not come up onto the beach.

Beach owners do have the right to post their beach land.

We do have a couple of beach owners who have posted their beach land. Please respect their right to do so and honor the trespassing signs.

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Centerville Road Update

The Town of Centerville completed a number of road projects in 2023.

Projects included:

- Chipsealing and wedge & seal of 3.4 miles of the following roads:
 - *Centerville Road between County X and Fischer Creek Road.
 - *Westview Road from County Rd X to the Village of Cleveland
 - *Point Creek Road between Center and Centerville Road.
- Milling and paving of West Washington Street in conjunction with the Village project on West Washington .
- Paver patches on Point Creek Road between Centerville Road and County LS
- Milling and repaving 200' of Union Road from County XX to the South.
- Three deep culverts were lined with fiberglass liners. *(There will be a presentation on this process at the annual meeting.)*

In 2024 we will be replacing a number of culverts to take advantage of the remaining grant money available from the American Rescue Grant - Manitowoc County match. We have received a Town Road Improvement grant which we will use to help blacktop 1 mile of South Union Road. Hopefully there will be some funds for a couple of miles of chipsealing as well. The town board will finalize projects after spring road inspection.

The dead ash trees are becoming an issue in the town. We have had a number of them have fallen onto the town roads or right-of-way this past year. This will only get worse as they start rotting off at the base. If you have any trees on your property that are next to the roads, we would appreciate any cutting you can do.

The Town Board appreciates you notifying us of any road problems. If you notice anything, please contact the Town Chairman or one of the Supervisors.



Recycling News



Recycling Center hours are 8 am - 3 pm.

Beginning April 1st the recycling center will begin accepting large items for disposal. There are extra fees for the larger items, please see the fee schedule at the site or on the Newton website listed below.

The Recycling Center requires "Town of Newton" stickers on your garbage bag. The stickers are available at the Recycling Center. The cost per sticker is \$1.50 each.

A complete list of accepted recyclables may be found on the following link to the Town of Newton website on the Centerville website or the Newton website at: www.townofnewton.org/Procedures/Recycling

Our Town Website also has a link to the Manitowoc County Recycling and Disposal Guide. This is a comprehensive guide which will give you disposal options for other items that are not accepted at the Newton/Centerville Recycling Center. The county recycling website is www.manitowocrecycles.org

Clean Sweep & Drug Disposal Information can be found on on pages 16-18

Moving to County Zoning

The Centerville Town Board has been discussing the issue of moving to County Zoning since last year. The issue was sent to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation to the Town Board. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended to move to County Zoning. The discussion at the Annual Meeting is the final step before a town board resolution to move to County Zoning.

History

The Town of Centerville currently controls land uses in Centerville through town zoning. The town employs a Zoning Administrator, a 7 person Planning & Zoning Commission and a 5 person Board of Appeals.

- The Zoning Administrator handles all planning and zoning issues, issues building & demolition permits and coordinates all Commission and Board of Appeals meetings.
- The Planning & Zoning Commission meets about 6 times per year to review & update ordinances and to hear zone change and conditional use requests.
- The Board of Appeals meets as needed to approve variances or appeals to actions of the Zoning Administrator and Planning & Zoning Commission.

Over 45 years ago, the town decided to administer our own town zoning rather than be under county zoning. At that time county zoning was not very stringent and the county did not really factor in the town's opinion on zone changes and conditional uses.

Current Manitowoc County Zoning

A lot has changed over the years and towns under county zoning now have a lot more input into county zoning decisions. The county planning commission now gives very much credit to the towns input when it comes to zone changes and conditional use permits.

There are 18 towns in Manitowoc County, 15 are under county zoning. The only towns that have their own zoning are: Franklin, Newton & Centerville. After discussion with other town's officers the consensus is that they are happy being under county zoning.

All towns have Comprehensive Land Use Plans as required by the state. Most towns under County zoning have an Advisory Planning Board or a Land Use Board that review zoning change and conditional use requests to make sure they comply with the towns Comprehensive Land Use Plan. When the county receives a zoning request, they seek an opinion from the town. The town would send a town recommendation on the proposed zone change or conditional use. In most cases the county follows the recommendation of the town.

Following is a list of advantages of Town vs County Zoning.

Advantages of Town Zoning

Local Control - The Town of Centerville would have complete control over their zoning ordinance. *(Town's still have input when they are in County Zoning)*

Centerville Citizens on Boards - Citizens from Centerville sit on the Planning & Zoning and Board of Appeals to make decisions on Centerville.

Advantages of County Zoning

Duplication of Services - Centerville already helps pay for the operation of the County Planning & Zoning Department. Under county zoning there would be no additional town cost to belong to County Zoning.

Consultant Expenses - The town does occasionally incur additional expenses when major updates are needed. In the past we have had to hire consultants a number of times to help update some of our ordinances. Manitowoc County has a full staff that can handle major updates.

Zoning Complexity - Over the years the process of keeping town zoning current has become more complex due to ever changing state requirements. This also includes zone change hearings and conditional use hearings which are more critical than ever because of the ever-increasing legal ramifications. Manitowoc County Planning and Park Department has staff that works with zoning issues every day.

Legal Challenges - If there were legal challenges to a decision there would be additional expense. Centerville did have a challenge last year on a conditional use permit. Our legal expenses in 2023 were \$3,400 more than 2022-most of this due to the lawsuit. If under county zoning, these expenses would be bore by the county, not the town.

Experienced Committees for Hearings in Manitowoc County. Manitowoc County has experienced committees and boards that are used to dealing with hearings, appeals and conditional uses. Under Centerville Zoning our citizens are sometimes making the decisions on close neighbors. Sometimes neighbors may not want to vote against neighbors even if it is not the right decision or vice versa. Furthermore, local decisions can and have caused hard feelings between neighbors.

Regular Committees Hearings in Manitowoc County. Manitowoc County's committees meet on a regular basis and hear a lot of cases. They are used to dealing with these issues. Centerville has historically not had very many zone changes and conditional hearings in the town. Maybe 1 – 2 zone changes per year, conditional uses have happened on average every 2 years or so. Hearing and making decisions on these issues can be a hard job for local residents when they don't have hearings very often.

Finding & Training a New Administrator - The town will need to find a replacement for our current Zoning Administrator, who after many years of service will be retiring next year. It may be difficult to find someone with the time, skills and dedication necessary to fill this position.

Finding Board Members - Each year it seems more difficult to find Centerville Residents who want to serve on the Planning Commission or Board of Appeals.

Reduction of Expenses for the Town – Centerville spends between \$5,000 - \$7,000 annually to administer our zoning program. With County Zoning we should save at least half of that amount.

Note: Once a town joins county zoning they cannot go back to town zoning unless the county does a comprehensive review of their zoning ordinance. This process does not happen very often, it could be a while before we would have the opportunity to go back to town zoning if we wanted to.



**2023 ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF CENTERVILLE
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

2023 Statement of Assessment (For 2023 Taxes Payable in 2024)		2023 Revenues	
Residential	\$53,939,000.00	Taxes	
Commercial	1,236,300.00	General Property Tax	\$268,165.06
Agricultural - Use Value Assessment	2,181,700.00	Forest Cropland/Managed Forest Land Taxes	870.18
Undev. Class 5	765,800.00	Use Value Penalties	711.00
Agricultural Forest	1,265,100.00	Total Taxes	\$269,746.24
Productive Forest Lands	1,366,200.00	Intergovernmental Revenues	
Other Farmset	<u>19,776,500.00</u>	Shared Revenue	\$12,318.03
Total Real Estate	\$80,530,600.00	Fire Insurance Tax 2% Rebate	3,558.64
Improvements on Leased Lands	\$0.00	Exempt Computer Aid	2.08
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	118,700.00	Personal Property Aid	860.90
All Other Personal Property	<u>30,000.00</u>	General Transportation Aid	103,946.88
Total Personal Property	\$148,700.00	Recycling Grant	3,838.56
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	\$80,679,300.00	Payments for Municipal Services Aid	0.00
2022 STATEMENT OF TAXES (PAYABLE 2023)		Forest Crop/MFL Aid	32.06
State Taxes	\$0.00	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	6,056.88
Total County Taxes	\$456,732.06	County Bridge Aid	0.00
Total Town Taxes	\$270,960.00	Route to Recovery Grant	<u>0.00</u>
Special Taxes:		Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$130,613.63
Special Assessment--County Maintenance	\$2,920.00	Licenses & Permits	
Use Value Penalty - Town	745.00	Business & Occupational License	\$400.00
Use Value Penalty - County	745.00	Dog License Fee Retained	0.00
Managed Forest Lands Closed after 2004	725.61	Dog License Refund from the County	936.95
Managed Forest Lands Closed before 2005	<u>208.17</u>	Building Permits/inspections	7,049.15
Total Special Taxes	\$5,343.78	Road Opening/ROW Permits	100.00
School Districts:		Driveway Permits	30.00
School District of Kiel Area	\$135,849.15	Zoning Permits/Fees & Hearing Fees	650.00
School District of Manitowoc	309,839.10	Other Regulatory Permits	160.00
School District of Sheboygan Area	<u>254,893.70</u>	Short Term Rental Permits	<u>650.00</u>
Total School Taxes	\$700,581.95	Total Licenses & Permits	\$9,976.10
VTAE District Taxes:		Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	
Lakeshore VTAE District	\$62,620.09	Courts Penalties and Costs	\$0.00
Underrun/Overrun	0.18	Dog License Penalties	<u>95.00</u>
Total Gross Tax	\$1,496,238.06	Total Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	\$95.00
School Levy Tax Credit	-\$141,829.34	Public Charges & Intergovernmental Charges for Service	
Lottery Credit	-45,514.99	Record Preparation	<u>\$450.00</u>
State Credits	<u>-19,198.14</u>	Total Public Charges for Service	\$450.00
Total Credits	-\$206,542.47	Miscellaneous Revenues	
TOTAL COMBINED AMOUNT OF NET TAXES	\$1,289,695.59	Interest on Investments	\$2,552.73
		Insurance Refund	1579.00
BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023:		Annexation Payment	435.00
Checking Account (Non-Interest Bearing)	\$9,733.10	Clarion Ads	330.00
Savings Account (Interest Bearing)	<u>\$536,954.14</u>	Sign Recycling Sales	<u>26.78</u>
Total Cash and Investments January 1, 2020	\$546,687.24	Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$4,923.51
		Total Revenue	\$415,804.48
		Surplus Funds from 2022	\$17,061.92
		Surplus Funds ARPA Escrow	\$65,313.00
		Total Revenue + Surplus Funds	\$498,179.40

2023 Expenses			
General Government		Building Inspection	
Town Board		Salary	\$1,155.00
Salary	\$11,735.88	Building Inspector Expenses	35.00
Board Supply & Expenses	501.42	Building Inspector Mileage	307.63
Board WTA Educational	2,172.29	Total Building Inspection	\$1,497.63
Town Dues	1,145.90		
Publishing & Printing	1,189.32	Total Public Safety	\$70,998.81
Flowers, Memorials and Gifts	<u>0.00</u>		
Total Town Board	\$16,744.81	Public Works	
		Transportation	
Clerk		Road Maintenance	\$10,563.27
Clerk Salary	\$12,399.96	Road Improvements	169,845.00
Clerk Supplies & Expense	3,138.73	Bridge/Culverts	69,741.55
Clerk - WTA/Educational	<u>0.00</u>	Road Signs & Markings	2,539.71
Total Clerk	\$15,538.69	Shouldering	1,035.00
		Centerstriping	2,830.08
Elections		Snow & Ice Control	69,835.70
Election Officials	\$1,433.19	Brush Control & Mowing	15,760.00
Supplies & Expense	<u>764.31</u>	Noxious Weed Treatment	<u>940.00</u>
Total Elections	\$2,197.50	Total Transportation	\$343,090.31
		Solid Waste Disposal	
Assessor		Contracted Services - Town of Newton	\$4,063.40
Professional Services	\$5,916.00	Meeme Landfill Expense	1328.00
Supplies & Expense	218.54	Solid Waste Disposal - other	<u>25.00</u>
Board of Review (5 members)	<u>145.00</u>	Total Solid Waste Disposal	\$5,416.40
Total Assessor	\$6,279.54		
		Recycling	
Treasurer		Contracted Service -Town of Newton	\$7,915.36
Salary	\$5,694.00	Recycling Disposal Expense - Other	<u>77.61</u>
Supplies & Expense	282.09	Total Recycling	\$7,992.97
Dog Lister	<u>129.75</u>		
Total Treasurer	\$6,105.84	Total Public Works	\$356,499.68
		Conservation & Development/Planning & Zoning	
Misc Expense		Zoning Administrator Salary	\$6,149.00
Insurance		Planning Commission Salary	667.00
Legal/Professional Services	\$3,825.00	P&Z Supplies & Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Property & Liability Insurance	2,525.00	Total Planning & Zoning	\$6,816.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	1,759.00		
Employee Bonds	170.00	Board of Appeals	
FICA and Medicare Tax	2,849.31	Salary	\$160.00
Accounting & Auditing	<u>3,000.00</u>	Supplies & Expense	<u>0.00</u>
Total Misc Expenses	\$14,128.31	Total Board of Appeals	\$160.00
Total General Government	\$60,994.69	Total Conservation & Development	\$6,976.00
		Miscellaneous	
Public Safety		Total Other Misc Expense	\$0.00
Law Enforcement		Total Expenditures	\$495,469.18
Salary	\$345.00		
Association Dues	40.00	Surplus Carry Over to 2024	\$ 2,710.22
Supplies & Expense	<u>18.67</u>	Total Expenditures	\$ 498,179.40
Total Law Enforcement	\$403.67		
		BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023	
Fire Protection		Cash on Hand	
Cleveland Fire Department	\$60,397.00	Checking Account (Non-Interest Bearing)	\$1,867.64
Fire Insurance Rebate to CFD	3,558.64	Savings Account (Interest Bearing)	<u>\$424,101.13</u>
911 Signs	<u>77.87</u>	Total Cash and Investments December 31, 2022	\$425,968.77
Total Fire Protection	\$64,033.51		
Ambulance Service			
Manitowoc Ambulance	<u>\$5,064.00</u>		
Total Ambulance Service	\$5,064.00		



Cleveland Fish and Game News

We would like to say thank you to everyone who participated, came to support or volunteered in our 7th annual ice fishing tournament!

A couple new things happening this year. Fish and Game will now be offering a yearly scholarship for all who are eligible. Please contact Jason Sohn at (920) 207-5296 if you would like more information.

Our Summer Trap League will be every Thursday evening. Practice night is April 25, league starts May 2. Must be a member to shoot. If you are interested in joining this league or have any questions, please contact Justin Henschel at (920)946-4243.

The 42th annual Cleveland Fishing Derby at Hika Park will be held July 26, 27 and 28. There will be food, refreshments and raffles throughout the weekend. Friday night we will be having a FISH BOIL! Raffle winners and fishing awards will be presented Sunday at approximately 4 pm. For up-to-date information, please like us on Facebook at Cleveland Fish and Game. There we will keep you updated with current news and standings.

Our club meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7 pm. If you are interested in seeing what our club is all about or interested in becoming a member, please stop by the club on South Union Road and join us for a meeting.

Important Info on Preventing Oak Wilt Disease

February 29, 2024

The Wisconsin DNR is reminding road crews and property owners to avoid work on or near oak trees during the oak wilt infection period, April through mid-July. Oak wilt is a deadly fungal disease spread by beetles that seek out fresh wounds on oak trees. For more information visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/foresthealth/oakwilt

Phragmites Control Update

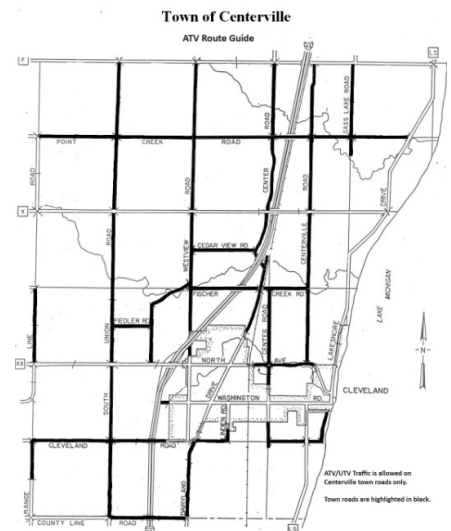
Centerville is still participating in the phragmites control program. Phragmites is listed as an invasive weed in our ordinance. You can get still get free treatment of phragmites on your property. If you have phragmites on your property and are not signed up, please contact one of the town board members.

Town of Centerville ATV/UTV Routes.

ATVs and UTVs are allowed on all Town of Centerville Roads.

The map showing the town roads is to the right. **A link to full size map may be viewed on the town website homepage.**

All traffic rules apply to ATV and UTV operation, as well as state ATV/UTV rules.



Cleveland State Bank Care Squads

In the bustling world of finance and figures, our employee Care Squads have been making a difference outside of their usual realms of work. Throughout the first quarter of this year, our employees have dedicated their time and skills to various local organizations, demonstrating a profound commitment to community.



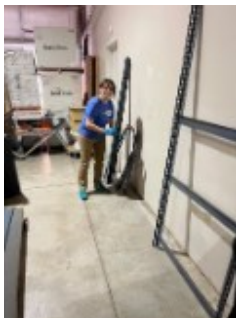
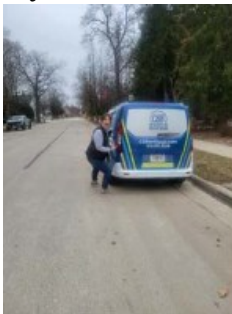
Nourish Farms, known for empowering the community to make more wholesome food choices, has welcomed our volunteers into their kitchen. CSB employees have been hands-on assisting in everything from chopping veggies to making snacks for local classrooms.



As it Grow It Forward, the volunteers have contributed to expanding urban green spaces and enhancing local food systems. They have helped with tasks from planting lettuce in these urban gardens to setting up for a recent spaghetti dinner.



Meals on Wheels has been another beneficiary of our employees' volunteer commitments. Employees have taken to the roads, delivering nutritious meals to various individuals. This service extends beyond mere meal delivery; it can be a lifeline of social contact and support for recipients who may be otherwise isolated.



Habitat for Humanity has also welcomed CSB employees into their retail store. Their efforts in this environment support Habitat for Humanity's mission by raising crucial funds needed to build and repair homes.



Each of these organizations has provided our employees with meaningful ways to show their commitment to community!



Cleveland Athletic Club

Our Scholarship Brat Fry was held Sunday, February 18, 2024. THANK YOU to all the businesses/ individuals who donated raffle items, all who attended and worked to make it another successful year!

We appreciate your support.

Raffle Winners are:

\$250 Larry Dassler	\$75 Tim Hundt
\$150 Mike Gabsch	\$50 MaryAnn Vogel
\$100 David Anderson	\$50 Tom Eiles
\$100 Carol Roethel	\$50 Ken Olafesen
\$100 Sheila Schetter	\$50 Gas Card Brian Binversie

Playground update - Phase One has been completed and our new playground equipment has been installed. We are still raising funds and working on Phase Two. Thank you to all who have donated. It is not too late to donate, please contact a CAC Member for more information. Join us for a Ribbon Cutting dedication in May. Details forthcoming.

Looking for Wildcats and Athletic Club apparel? Now is your chance! A virtual store is in the works and will be available March 1 thru March 31st. The website will be available soon!

Check the Cleveland Athletic Club Facebook page for the virtual store link.

We are looking for Little League players! Watch for sign up dates!

New Members are welcome. Thank you for your support.

Dairyland Festival

Cleveland Dairyland Festival; Saturday & Sunday, August 3 & 4. The Dairyland Festival is sponsored by the Cleveland Lions Club and will be held at the Dairyland Park, located on Dairyland Drive in Cleveland.

Food , Refreshments & Entertainment

50/50 Raffle

Craft Sale

Car Show

Corn Hole Tournament

Music Saturday Night - Whiskey Throttle

Parade Sunday, 11:30 am

Music Sunday - Buffalo Joe

Sunday: Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Kid's Face Painting

Come and join the fun. The Lions Club would welcome any volunteers willing to help work in the food or beer stands. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tom Fiedler, 693-8553 or Denise Fritz, 726-4250.

Please see Lions Club article on page 14.

Doing Work With-in the Town Right-of-Way

Please note that any work done in the Town Right-of-way (ditches) does require a permit and approval from the town. This includes installing or widening driveways, cleaning ditches, or any work with-in the right-of-way. Permits may be obtained by contacting the Zoning Administrator or Town Chairman. Thank you.

Centreville Settlement Continues Historically Significant Work

Go to centrevillesettlement.com or choose to "Like" us on the Facebook site to learn more, see photos and learn how you can become involved. Centreville Settlement is a not-for-profit organization, dedicated to the preservation of the Saxon German culture and the farming community.

The forty second anniversary of the group continues with timber frame repair, installing the siding historic gardening. The heritage garden produced a bounty of heirloom tomato, rhubarb, beans, rutabagas and potatoes for farm style lunches during workdays. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the historic garden, contact Kathy Pearce at 920 946-1036.

Please support Centreville Settlement at the Brat Fry on Sunday May 5 at the Piggly Wiggly in Plymouth. Live music, flavorful brats, juicy ¼ burgers and home baked goods from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Live German music will be provided by the Ryan Kautzer Band.

Tours of the nationally significant project are available on work days by emailing in advance to Sarah Lutze at sdlutze@gmail.com.

Plan on joining for 2024 to work with a fascinating set of people with a common goal of historic restoration of rural heritage of the area while having old fashioned fellowship in work ethic, sharing farm style family meals and living through life long learning. An Arbor Day planting will honor several members who have passed on.

Several archeological digs resulted in over 7,000 artifacts being recovered at the Lutze Housebarn—the current major restoration project.

Work days are scheduled to begin for 2024 on March 30 and then continue every second and fourth Saturday of each month from April to November. All are welcome. Persons wishing to be involved in the hands-on work with stone masonry, timbers, windows or wood related aspects are encouraged to contact Chris Kuehnel, Project Director at 920 693-3141. The Lutze Housebarn is located at 13630 South Union Road, Newton, WI 53063-9753.



Cleveland Area 4H



The 4-H slogan is "to learn by doing". Club members embrace this slogan in many ways. Club members created beautiful wreaths, learned more about candy making, learned about diversity, and learned how to use create and use a button maker over the winter months. Plans this spring are to have a fun with clay day, attend county wide activities such as Spring Arts Festival, Pine Wood Derby, and April's Awards Banquet.

Congratulations to Heidi and Clarence Belitz for receiving the Lifetime Volunteer of the Year Award for 2022-2023. Heidi and Clarence have been active with the Cleveland Clever Clovers for over 25 years. Congratulations to Henry, Savannah, Wyatt, Nadine, Jack, Addison and Alyssa for receiving Scrap Book Awards at November's Award Ceremony.

Wondering how you can support Manitowoc County 4-H? Purchase a Plat Book from the Cleveland State Bank. Attend the Manitowoc County Fair and purchase a treat from the Clover Cafe. Attend the Artisan Fair at Windmill Acres in July and purchase a snack from the food stand.

For more information on how to join the Cleveland Clever Clovers 4-H Club attend one of our meetings. We meet the first Sunday of each month at the Cleveland Fire House at 4 pm or call Heidi at 920-693-3435..



CLEVELAND LIONS CLUB NEWS:

March 2024 Edition

Your Cleveland Lion's Club hopes you are having the best start to your 2024 year.

We are planning quite the lineup of events this year and look forward to sharing them with you and seeing you there.

The next events we have coming up are:

March 30th - Egg Your Yard!

May 17th & 18th - Garage Sale Brat Fry @ Dairyland Park

We brought it to you last year for the first time and you LOVED it! We brought it back! Let us egg your yard for Easter! The Cleveland Lions will be offering "Egg Your Yard." Saturday, March 30th after 7pm, your Lion's will spread eggs thru your yard with more enthusiasm than even the Easter Bunny. We do the work. We provide the eggs with candy inside. Just \$25 for 30 Eggs! Send an email to Denise Fritz at denisefritzlions@gmail.com or send a message on the Cleveland Lion's Club Facebook page. There will be limited orders!



"We Serve" is the motto of Lions Club International. These are very important words to the Cleveland Lions Club members. The Lions willingly give time and talent to our club activities, to our community and professions promoting the objectives of the International Association of Lions Clubs. To serve our community, the Cleveland Lions Club will be awarding a **\$1,000 Education Scholarship** again this year. **You can apply now**. Deadline has been extended. We will be accepting applications through April 1st. You can find the application on the Lion's Club Facebook page or send an email to myself requesting one.

Plans for the 2024 Dairyland Festival are underway. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 3rd and Sunday August 4th. It will be bigger and better than ever before. Keep watch on our Dairyland Festival Facebook Page for all the excitement: www.facebook.com/ClevelandDairylandFestival

We want to thank all of the community hunters who donated their deer hides over hunting season! We had a lot of hides to give to the Wisconsin Lion's Camp. This camp has a focus on kids and adults that are blind, deaf or who have diabetes. The deer hides are sold by the camp and the funds are used to operate the camp so any who attends is able to for free. To learn more about the Wisconsin Lion's Camp ask any Lion's Club member or check out their website at www.wisconsinlionscamp.com

JOIN THE LION'S: In the 2024 calendar, your Cleveland Lion's is looking to grow its membership to help this growing community. We invite YOU to make a difference in your community.

For information contact any Lion's member or send a message on our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/ClevelandWILions

See you soon!

~ Jennifer Brandt

clevelandlionsjenniferbrandt@gmail.com

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County Representatives

Bob Ziegelbauer—County Executive 920-683-5107

Kevin Behnke—County Supervisor 920-323-2577

State Representatives

Devin LeMahieu—State Senator 1-888-295-8750

Paul Tittl—State Assembly 1-888-529-0025

National Representatives

Ron Johnson—US Senator 1-202-224-5323

Oshkosh Office—1-920-230-7250

Tammy Baldwin – US Senator 1-202-224-5653

Madison Office—1-608-264-5338

Glenn Grothman – US Representative 1-202-225-2476

Fond Du Lac Office—1-920-907-0624

West Foundation Supports Manitowoc River Basin Conservation Efforts

LNRP has received a grant from the West Foundation, which funds work in the Manitowoc River Basin. With this generous support, LNRP will be able to increase investment in ongoing initiatives in this region, expand support of partner groups, and leverage additional funds for project grants.



West Foundation funding will be used to provide administrative support and fiscal oversight to five LNRP partner groups, increasing their already large impact in the region. Both Friends of Hika Bay’s intern program and Friends of Stony Brook’s Trout in the Classroom program facilitate hands-on learning in outdoor spaces, training the next generation of conservationists. Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed and Friends of the Twin Rivers support local aquatic recreation through beach cleanups, paddling events, and stormwater education and outreach. The Friends of the Branch River Watershed works to improve and preserve the Brown and Manitowoc County communities with paddling tours, crayfish removal events, Branch River clean-ups, and annual educational programs.



In addition to supporting LNRP partner groups, the West Foundation is contributing to the impact of LNRP restoration projects. The Coastal Resiliency Community Impact Project (CRCIP) works with the City of Manitowoc to prioritize, fund, and implement projects that increase community resilience to climate change. With funding from the US Forest Service, LNRP is increasing the climate resilience of the county, both by mitigating the destruction of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), and by reforesting public parks in the area. Working closely with Glacierland RC&D and Stantec, LNRP has also helped fund the removal of invasive Phragmites in Manitowoc and Calumet Counties and Japanese Knotweed in Manitowoc City Parks.

LNRP thanks the West Foundation for their support of our work, and their contribution to the health and vitality of the Manitowoc River Basin.



FREON CONTAINING APPLIANCES

Many customers stop in asking what do do with their air conditioners, dehumidifiers, or refrigerators. We do not accept these items because we are not licensed to handle or remove Freon. There are other places in the area that do though. Be sure to call ahead for their guidelines and pricing. If you have unwanted Freon containing items consider taking them to one of the following places:

- Appliance Disposal, Manitowoc, 920-323-0493
- [Sadoff Iron & Metal](#), Manitowoc, 920-684-3388
- Langs Appliance Service, Manitowoc, 920-682-8091
- [Tisler Salvage Inc.](#), Reedsville, 920-864-7631
- [B & B Metals](#), Newton, 920-693-8261
- Salvage Battery and Lead, Mishicot, 920-755-4511



Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep 2024



Many common items like automotive products, household cleaners, pesticides, and home improvement products are hazardous when used, stored, or disposed of improperly. Look for items that contain the following on their labels: **Danger, Warning, Caution, Poison, Combustible, Flammable, Corrosive, and Toxic.**



Thanks to our participants and volunteers, since our collection started in 1985, we have collected 1,185,447 pounds of unwanted chemicals.

MANITOWOC COUNTY

Residents

- Saturday, **May 18**, 9am - Noon
Manitowoc County Highway Shop
3500 HWY 310, Manitowoc

Farms and Businesses

- Friday, **May 17**, 2pm - 4pm
Manitowoc County Highway Shop
3500 HWY 310, Manitowoc
Must register by May 10

FREE!
For Households
and Farms

SAVINGS!
For Businesses

REDUCTION IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE!

Before you buy:

- Read the labels
- Choose safer alternatives
- Buy the smallest amount needed for the job

After you buy:

- Follow directions for safe use
- Store properly in the original container
- Share what you can't use
- Dispose of leftovers properly

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Pesticides

- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Fungicides
- Rodenticides
- Other poisonous repellents and banned chemicals (DDT)

Paints/Solvents

- Varnishes and Shellacs
- Turpentine and Thinners
- Lead Based Paints
- Oil Based Paints
- Aerosols
- Wood Preservatives

Cleaners/Cleaners

- Oven Cleaners
- Spot Removers
- Polishes

Other Materials

- Used Oil and Filters
- Contaminated Oil
- Hydraulic Oil
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Bulk Mercury, Mercury Devices and Compounds
- Acids/Bases
- Mothballs
- Pool Chemicals
- Photographic Chemicals
- Wood Coating, Stripping and Preservative Chemicals

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- **LATEX PAINT***
- Explosives such as ammunition
- Radioactive materials such as smoke detectors
- Compressed gas tanks and high pressure cylinders such as fire extinguishers and propane tanks
- Unknown chemicals
- Tires
- Infectious and biological waste including sharps and needles
- Light bulbs
- Computer components and TVs
- Batteries
- Appliances
- Freon gases
- Pharmaceuticals

Manitowoc County may modify guidelines at any time to meet the needs of the program.

Other disposal or recycling options exist for many unacceptable items.

Contact the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 683-4333 or visit Recycling.manitowocountywi.gov

**All residents are encouraged to dispose of latex paint in their regular trash. Just take the lid off and let it dry or add paint hardener or cat litter. Once hardened, latex paint can be disposed of in the trash.*





Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep 2024



HOUSEHOLD GUIDELINES

- Household participants may dispose of acceptable hazardous waste items at no cost on May 18 between 9am and noon.
- Participants must be residents of Manitowoc County.
- Wastes must be brought in the original containers. Keep materials separate. Do NOT mix chemicals.
- Unknown substances and commercial waste will not be accepted.
- To prepare materials for transport, line a cardboard box with a plastic bag, place them in the box and separate with cardboard.
- When arriving at the Clean Sweep disposal site, slow down and follow traffic directions.
- If unable to attend, then ask a neighbor to take your materials for you.
- Practice reduction by switching to safer alternatives or purchasing smaller amounts.

FARM GUIDELINES

- Farms and agricultural businesses must pre-register by May 10. Call 683-4333 for instructions.
- Farmers and rural property owners from Manitowoc County may bring chemicals from active and abandoned farms for disposal at no cost on May 17 between 2pm and 4pm.
- Many types of agricultural operations are eligible for disposal service including: livestock, grain, holiday trees, poultry, fruit, vegetable and aquaculture.
- Non-agriculture operations that bring in farm chemicals should register as a business and may be eligible for a 50% disposal subsidy.
- Drums that have contained, or still contain agricultural chemicals will be accepted.

BUSINESS GUIDELINES

- Businesses must pre-register by May 10. Call 683-4333 for instructions. Late registrants may not be eligible for reduced disposal rates.
- Once registered, businesses will be scheduled a time to arrive on May 17 between 2pm and 4pm.
- Businesses must qualify as a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) through self-certification to dispose of their waste. VSQGs produce less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month and store less than 2,205 pounds. Other limits may apply.
- Businesses can be retail, wholesale, manufacturing, commercial real estate, non-profit, schools, churches, golf courses and restaurants.
- Acceptable items include all those previously listed and chemicals associated with:
 - ◊ Business site and grounds maintenance such as pesticides, cleaners, disinfectants and vehicle chemicals.
 - ◊ Manufacturing and process chemicals such as oxidizers, acids, caustics, technical grade chemicals, laboratory reagents, polymers, reactive metals, mercury-based products, etc.
 - ◊ All sludges (weight scale pits, sump pits) are eligible for Clean Sweep. Agrichemical sludge (pesticide containing sludge from mixing and loading operations) is eligible for a 50% disposal subsidy.

Manitowoc County may modify guidelines at any time to meet the needs of the program.

Program Sponsors: Manitowoc County Solid Waste Dept., Sheboygan County Planning and Resources Dept., Fond du Lac County Land and Water Conservation Department, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Waste Management Inc., Ascend Services Inc., and Manitowoc County UW Extension.


Manitowoc County Drug Disposal Program

Help prevent drug abuse, overdose, and keep our water supply clean by participating in the Manitowoc County Drug Disposal Program. Residents may bring unwanted drugs and medications to these programs free of charge.

DIRECTIONS:

Remove pills from original container and put them in a sealed "ziplock" style bag that is quart size or smaller before placing in the drug drop box. Empty pill containers may be placed in your home recycling or trash. **Liquid, powder, and cream medications should remain in original bottles with caps tightened.**

YES



DROP :

- Unused and/or expired medications
- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications
- Pet medications
- Controlled substances
- Supplements

NO



DO NOT DROP :

- Sharps (needles, syringes, lancets etc.)
- Chemical waste/mercury products
- Electronic glucose monitors
- Non-medical inhalers
- Personal care products (shampoo, etc.)
- Pill bottles or boxes

Permanent Dropbox Locations:

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office: 1025 South 9th Street, Manitowoc, 8 am - 3:30 pm M-F

Manitowoc City Police Department: 910 Jay Street, Manitowoc, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, M - F

Kiel Police Department: 619 Paine Street, Kiel, 7:30 am - 3 pm, M - F

Guidelines

- Accepted drugs include prescriptions, over the counter, pet medications, controlled substances, and supplements.
- Place pills in a "ziplock" style bag that is quart size or less. Pills can be mixed into one bag.
- Liquids, crèmes, and powders can stay in the original container with caps tightened.
- Pill bottles and boxes are NOT accepted. Cross out your personal information and dispose of them or recycle them at home.
- Needles, sharps, mercury devices, chemical waste, electronic glucose monitors, non-medical inhalers, and personal care products like shampoo and cosmetics will NOT be accepted.
- Do NOT bring medications to drug disposal events before or after the listed times.
- Households only. Businesses should call [920-683-4333](tel:920-683-4333) for disposal information.
- Practice safe storage by keeping your medications in a secured location.
- Practice reduction by consulting with your physician about your medication needs.
- Never share your prescriptions with another person.