



Town of Wilson News

Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

Fall 2017

Website: www.townwilson.com

**** 2018 Town Budget Hearing ****

Mark Your Calendar to attend on November 30th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. the 2018 Town Budget Hearing held at the Town of Wilson Hall, 5933 S. Business Drive.

Update from the Town Chairman

It's a cold and dark Halloween night as I sit down to write what I hope will be an informative fall update on what's going on in the Town of Wilson. But first, and as usual, I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank our Town staff, officials, and the many dedicated volunteers who do the hard work to get things done around here. I can't express adequately enough in words the gratitude I have for their commitment in serving our community.

Here's what's going on.

1. **Annexation** – One of the more troubling issues facing the Town of Wilson is the annexation of Town land to the City of Sheboygan. On August 7, the City of Sheboygan Common Council voted to approve a petition by the Kohler Co. to annex 546 acres of Town land into the City, consisting of approximately 247 acres of Kohler owned property, 235 acres of state park land, and 61 acres of other privately owned property in order to contrive the mile long narrow thread of connection of Kohler's land to the existing city boundary.

In response to the City's actions, and with overwhelming support from Town of Wilson residents, the Town Board took action to file a lawsuit challenging the legality of the annexation and to file a temporary injunction to delay the City from taking any further action until the lawsuit is settled. An initial hearing was held on October 10th in the Sheboygan County Circuit Court before Judge Daniel Borowski. The judge rendered decision on November 3rd against the Town on its request for a temporary injunction. Although the Town would have liked a different outcome, this was not unexpected, and our lawsuit to overturn the annexation is continuing.

2. **20-Year Comprehensive Plan** – In May of this year the Long-Range Planning Ad Hoc Committee completed a mandatory 10-year review of our 20-year comprehensive plan. The process was led by Kevin Struck from the UW-Extension and took place through a series of well attended public meetings over several months. The update outlines the Town's vision, priorities, accomplishments and recommended tasks to be completed in the future. You can find the update and the original plan documents on the Town website. The Town Board held a public hearing and adopted the revised plan at its June 15, 2017 meeting.
3. **New Town Website** – We recently completed a new Town website. If you haven't done so already, check it out! Hopefully you will find it more organized and functional. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve or use our website, please contact the Town Office. www.townwilson.com

4. **2018 Town Budget** – The Town Board is currently in the process of drafting the 2018 Town budget. If you would like to provide input, have questions, or simply want to know more about the budget contents or process, make sure you attend the public budget hearing on November 30 at 7:00 at the Town Hall.
5. **Garbage Fee** – On April 4th the Town residents voted to allow the Town Board to assess an annual fee separate from the general tax levy to keep the Town’s drop-off site in operation. You may also recall that the previous spring newsletter contained a survey asking residents to vote on whether they prefer to keep the existing drop-off site in operation at an estimated annual cost per household of \$50, require mandatory curbside at an estimated annual cost of \$180, or provide mandatory curbside pickup and keep the drop-off site open for yard waste only at an estimated annual cost of \$200. The results showed that residents were overwhelmingly in favor of operating only the drop-off site by a 199-9-29 vote. Based on this feedback the Town Board voted on August 21, 2017 to assess an annual fee of \$40 per household to keep the drop-off site in operation and to NOT pursue curbside pickup.
6. **Town of Wilson Fire Department** – I can’t help but single out the tremendous work that our fire department and first responder’s unit have done this year. Both organizations have strong leadership and are well staffed with skilled and dedicated volunteers who, collectively, put in thousands of hours to serve and protect our town residents. I believe they have established themselves as model organizations for other town volunteer fire departments and first responder units to emulate.

I would also like to recognize the Fire Advisory Committee for the important role they play in the governance process and in advising the Town Board on fire department matters. Their experience and knowledge has helped make a smooth transition to a municipal department structure.

If you have an opportunity to thank a firefighter, a first responder or an advisory committee member for their service, please do. I know they would appreciate it.
7. **CTH OK/South Business Drive Road Project** – The County is expected to complete its work on this project by mid-November by adding a base layer of asphalt paving from Weeden Creek Road to CTH V. A second layer or finished surface will be installed next year at a time yet to be determined. Although this is a County project, the Town of Wilson has incurred over \$100,000 in costs to adjust the depths of our sewer manholes to align with the new road grade.
8. **Indian Mound Road Construction Project** – Repair work was recently completed to replace a number of corroded wye sections in our sewer main on Indian Mound and Woodland Roads. This required digging up sections of road pavement in the affected areas. These sections were patched with asphalt and will be reinforced with a seal coat next year to help smooth out the patched areas.
9. **South 13th Street/Woodview/Ridgewood Drainage project** – The Town is partnering with the City on this project to improve drainage. We expect to complete the project in late November with a temporary patch of asphalt millings for the winter. A hot mix layer of asphalt will be installed in the spring and a complete asphalt overlay for South 13th Street will be evaluated for a future year.

If you have any questions or feedback or would like to discuss any issue in more depth, please don’t hesitate to call me at 254-9362.

John Ehmann
Town of Wilson

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

The Town of Wilson has approximately 40 miles of road to maintain. In efforts to make the snow season as safe as possible, we offer the following. Please remember that each storm is different, our strategy must be adjusted accordingly to achieve the best results.

The Town has contracted snow removal services with Wagner Excavating and the Sheboygan County Highway Department. Wagner Excavating is responsible for the roads East of Interstate 43 and North of County Highway V. Sheboygan County is responsible for all Town roads outside of Wagner's area. Their staffs are well-trained and dedicated to keeping the roadways open and passable. Plowing operations usually begin when there is an accumulation of two to four inches of snow on road surfaces. Sheboygan County may apply salt brine just before the snowfall occurs for increased snow removal efficiency. The main objective is to keep all roads passable during the storm. Please remember:

- The town is **not** held responsible for damage to private property that is located within the public right-of-way (including mailboxes). The right-of-way is **often** 66 feet wide and is often confused by property owners as their own property.
- Placement of stakes or posts, this includes metal, wood, plastic, fiberglass etc. along the road side edge of pavement or right of way is not allowed in the Town of Wilson. Objects placed in the R.O.W creates hazards for motorists and pedestrians, impedes efficient snow plowing operations and can cause damage to snow plowing equipment. This is consistent with Town ordinance Chapter 54, Regulations on Use of Rights of Way. Stakes or posts placed in the R.O.W will be removed by the Town's Maintenance Staff.
- Shoveling, blowing or plowing snow into the public roadway creates unnecessary hazards for motorists and pedestrians, causes increased time and effort in clearing or re-plowing the roads and is illegal. If you have a private contractor plowing your driveway, please make sure to remind them of this as you will be held responsible for their actions. This is a *safety issue* and *re-plowing is not a good use of tax dollars*.
- Please keep a safe distance around and behind the snow plowing equipment, these pieces of equipment are large, and their purpose is to clear the roads, and this requires backing up, traveling at reduced speeds and wide turns. Please allow ample distance between you and the equipment.

The Town has recently developed a Winter Road Management Plan, as required by our WDNR Stormwater Permit, documenting the policies and procedures for road salt application by Wagner Excavating and Sheboygan County. The goal is to avoid over-application of road salt since this can cause damage to wildlife habitat, decrease groundwater quality and does not help keep the roads clear. The WDOT State standards will be used for road salt application rates based on different pavement temperatures, weather forecasts and roadway conditions.

For questions and concerns, complaints, please contact either of the following depending on your street location. Sheboygan County at (920) 459-3822 or Wagner Excavating at (920) 458-9082

MANDATORY RECYCLING

Recycling is mandatory in the State of Wisconsin and statutes have established responsibilities for local governments relating to recycling. The Town of Wilson is required to maintain an effective recycling program for solid waste management, which includes educating its residents about the recycling law. **RECYCLING IS A WISCONSIN STATE LAW**

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING: Single stream recycling simply means that you can now place all of your recyclable items in a **BLUE** bag. Everything goes into a blue bag: #1 to #7 plastics, aluminum, glass, newspaper, chip board, magazines, catalogs, shredded paper, etc. This is a convenience option, it is not mandatory. There will be one recyclable item that will not be placed in a blue bag and that is

CARDBOARD. It's been recommended to separate card board for placement into its own dumpster. The Town shall restrict recyclable items from being placed in our garbage containers. This is consistent with **ORDINANCE 65.02**. Please visit our website to view the entire ordinance (<http://townwilson.com/>)

Handouts listing what is acceptable are available at the transfer station or check the Town website recycling page.

1. **HINT:** Dog License, Property Tax directions and the Town's Annual Audited Financial Report are under the "Info On" tab on the Town's new website www.townwilson.com. The Financial Report is on the Tax page.
2. **HINT:** Do you ever wonder if your property tax payment was posted to your account? Now, You can check the Sheboygan County's new portal [<https://treasurer.sheboygancounty.com/GCSWebPortal/Search.aspx>] to verify receipt of your payment. This site is updated nightly! There is no need to call the office.
3. **HINT:** Friday, Dec 29th is the LAST DAY in 2017 to pay taxes at the banks and receive a receipt dated "2017". The deadline for the first property tax installment is January 31st. After that date, all payments are forwarded to the County and late fees are assessed.
4. **Annual Dog Licenses:** Drop off or send a copy of the current rabies certificate and fee to the Treasurer - after March late fees are assessed. Currently, the fees are \$7/ea. for spayed/neutered and \$14/ea. for non. I will process these licenses every Thursday afternoon and send you your dog's tag, rabies certificate & license. The drop box is located left of the glass entrance doors. By the way, if you keep your pet for hobby breeding, you must declare so per Town ordinance Chapter 62.07.

5. Property Tax Payments Options listed below.

1. Wisconsin Bank & Trust (South) Lobby only: 3220 S. Business Dr. next to Walgreens and by Piggly Wiggly Hrs.: M-F 9-5 Closed noon 12/24. Open till 5 12/29, Closed Sat, Sun 12/30, 12/31. Receipt provided by Teller.
2. Oostburg Bank, Lobby only: 905 Center Ave, Oostburg Hrs.: M-R 8:30-4:30, Fri 8:30-4:30pm, Closed Sat, Sun 12/30&12/31. Receipt provided by Teller.
3. www.townwilson.com Hint: be sure to change payment method from credit card to e-check. E-check is a \$1.50. Credit card charges are much higher. Available 24 hours a day. At the end of the transaction, Print receipt.
4. Checks left at or mailed to the Town office will be processed over the weekend and after all electronic on-line and bank files are processed. No receipts will be sent from the Town office unless the office receives a self-addressed & stamped envelope.
5. **Still need a receipt?** Then "Save" or "Print screen" for your parcel at: <https://treasurer.sheboygancounty.com/GCSWebPortal/Search.aspx>

The Town office is unable to answer the question of when your tax bill will arrive because the County Treasurer's office sends the bills and the County has many moving parts to coordinate. Rest assured everyone is working hard at getting out those Property Tax bills. The Town acts as a tax processing service for the County and School Districts. To put it another way, consider the following; if one pays \$3000 annually in Property Taxes, \$270 stays in the Town of Wilson for Town expenses. *Finally, the Treasurer's voicemail greeting is designed to answer many of your questions -920.208.2390 **please dial extension 302** after hours. Thank you for your cooperation with all the recent changes and updates.

Cheers,

Treasurer, Town of Wilson, Sheboygan County, WI.

BUILDING PERMITS

Any project with a value of \$500 or more a building permit is required. Interior and exterior additions to a residence require a drawing of this area for approval by the building inspector. Re-roofing, siding, windows, exterior doors, fences, decks, sheds and porches all require a building permit. You can find the permit application on our website; townwilson.com or stop in the office to obtain the application and permit. Thank you! Georgene Lubach Town Clerk

SANITARY DISTRICT NEWS

Keep Wipes out of the Pipes

Did you know that flushing wipes down the toilet is bad for the sewers? While many items state “do not flush” in smaller print, even “disposable wipes” and “flushable wipes” have been proven to cause problems in municipality sewer systems. When these wipes don’t break down in the sewers it can lead to costly cleanups and may result in basement backups. The environmental consequences of these clogs can be costly to the Sanitary District as well as to you and your neighbors.

Common offenders include: feminine sanitary products, prophylactics, cleansing cloths, pre-moistened towelettes, baby wipes, diapers, rags, disinfecting wipes, Swiffer mop refills, toss-in toilet bowl wands, paper towels, and shop towels/rags. Just because a product is labeled “disposable” or “flushable” doesn’t mean it will dissolve or breakdown in the sewers. If it doesn’t dissolve as quickly as toilet paper, please place your wipes in the trash can. All wipes and disposable cleaning products belong in the trash, not the toilet.

Sewer Bills Billing Schedule:

Service Dates	Billing Date	Due Date
January, February, March	March 31	April 30
April, May, June	June 30	July 31
July, August, September	September 30	October 31
October, November, December	December 31	January 31

Checks may be written to: Sanitary District No. 1. DO NOT place checks in the Town USPS mailbox as it is only for postal mail.

Sanitary District is Hiring

The Sanitary District Office is currently hiring a part time field maintenance assistant approximately 2-3 bi-weekly. This position is on call, must have confined space training and mechanical-technical background. Please submit resume to the Sanitary District Office at: 5935 South Business Dr., Sheboygan, WI 53081.

2018 Election Dates

- Spring Primary Election – (February 20, 2018)
- Spring Election – (April 3, 2018)
- Fall Primary Election – (Aug.14, 2018)
- General Election – (November 6, 2018)

Elections are held in the Town Hall (the older building in the parking lot) located at 5933 S. Business Drive.

ABSENTEE VOTING

- In-person absentee voting in the Clerk’s office is approximately 3 weeks prior to an election (when the ballots
○ are received from County) at the Town Office, 5935 S. Business Drive.

***NOTE* you cannot vote absentee on the Monday before an election. Please bring your photo ID to Vote.**

- *Absentee voting in-person in the Clerk’s Office is recommended* if you are unable to vote the day of election. Request an absentee ballot, please allow enough mailing time and please return the ballot promptly. Absentee ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on the day of Election to be counted.
- Emailing an absentee ballot; Ballots can now be emailed to the voter however the ballot cannot be emailed back only sent through a postal carrier to the Town of Wilson Office.
- *Requesting an absentee ballot:* Submit to the Clerk’s office a completed Wisconsin Application for Absentee Ballot form EL-121 along with your proof of voter ID. Or you can request your absentee ballot at www.myvotewi.gov.
- Any questions, please contact the Town Clerk. All voters must also be registered to vote, and voter ID is required.

Are You Interested to Work at the Election Polls? If you expressed interest or are interested to work at the Election Polls, please contact the Town office the new term is starting, and training will begin shortly.

Have you met.....

Shelley Hittman
Todd Hittman
James See
Dan Murphy
Zach Martin



Patty Rahn
Lynn Duncan
Mark Duff
Karina Ten Dolle
Ted Bingham

You heard a noise in the other room and found your spouse has fallen and needs help. You wake up in the middle of the night to sounds of your child gasping for air. You were out for a day of fun with your family when there was an accident, and someone is hurt. If any of these sound like you, or you found yourself needing to call 911 for an emergency, chances are you have met your volunteer Town of Wilson First Responders Emergency Medical Services (EMS) unit, TWFR for short.

The TWFR are regular people, just like you, with everyday lives. They have jobs, are retired or are stay at home parents who also selflessly volunteer to provide EMS to those in our community and the surrounding communities. Your TWFR are licensed, trained and prepared for all types of emergencies from trauma (accidents, falls, etc.) to illness (heart, breathing issues, etc.).

The TWFR Unit is part of the Mutual Aid Box Alert System (MABAS). MABAS is a system designed to streamline the requesting and providing of emergency services resources. MABAS is used for larger scale events such as structure fires, civil disturbances, active shooters, mass evacuations, tornadoes, hazardous spills, terrorism, mass-casualty accidents, etc. where a local community's responding needs are larger than their resources. When MABAS is used, those called upon go and assist so that the community isn't overwhelmed. The TWFR have an Incident Response trailer that is equipped for these events and is taken when the TWFR are called upon for assistance.

I am proud to say that I am one of your TWFR. If you were to ask me or one of my peers why, we would tell you that we love our community and enjoy helping our fellow residents in their time of need.

If you are civic minded, love your community, enjoy helping others and looking for a way to get involved, we just may be the group for you! We would love to meet you and would welcome you aboard. Please see the card insert for more details. If the card is missing, please reach out to Dan Murphy dmurphy@mastersgalleryfoods.com or Todd Hittman at todd.hittman@gotoltc.edu for more information.

If you haven't met your TWFR and find yourself needing to call 911, odds are you will get that opportunity, just remember to turn the light on so that we can find you sooner!

Patty Rahn, NREMR
Town of Wilson

TOWN OF WILSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fall is upon us and as we move into the cooler weather please remember these few home safety tips.

- Sunday November 5th is the end of daylight savings. This is a great time to check your smoke detector batteries and replace them as needed. With many smoke detectors hard wired in homes, the batteries last much longer but still require changes.
- When taking care of your smoke detector it is also a good time to look at your Carbon Monoxide detector and make sure the unit is not expired. Carbon Monoxide detectors have sensor packs in them and the sensor packs do expire.
- When using space heaters this winter:
 - o First and foremost, never leave them unattended. Space heaters that are unattended are very dangerous and can cause fires quickly if the unit gets tipped over or faults out and no one catches it immediately.
 - o Make sure that when using space heaters there is no clutter around the unit.
 - o Updated units are much safer than older units and if you choose to update a unit make certain it is UL Listed and has "Tip Over Protection."
- As the Christmas season approaches many like to burn candles. Please remember to not leave candles unattended and be extra cautious with children lighting candles. Make sure that all matches are extinguished properly and cool to the touch prior to discarding them.
- Check your homes fire extinguisher and make sure it is charged properly and the inspection is current. Any questions on how to use an extinguisher please contact us at the fire department via email: firedept@townwilson.com.

Any questions in regard to the fire department or the explorer program please contact us via email firedept@townwilson.cm.

Park & Forestry Commission Report

Submitted by Greg Hopkins, Chairman Park & Forestry Commission

The renovation of Gruber Memorial Fireman's Park/Jung Bell Tower Park is almost complete. The 0.2- mile limestone Fitness Trail is open for use, the Tot Playground equipment has been installed, and the gazebo is complete and houses 3 hexagonal picnic tables with a fourth, rectangular, table nearby. The soccer field has been regraded and seeded and a Pro Control soccer practice system has been installed; the soccer goals are now in the southwest corner of the parks. Early November will see groundbreaking for the unisex, handicapped-accessible restroom to be attached to the west side of the firehouse. A drinking fountain and water bottle fill station will be mounted on the north side of the rest room. The basketball court has been repainted and new trash barrels have been placed in convenient locations. Funds for the renovation came from a Stewardship Grant with matching funds coming from Wilson Mutual Insurance, Park & Recreation funds, and gifts from several Town residents. Thanks!!

Forty-four trees have been planted in Schinker Creek Park, thanks to an Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation Grant. The final inspection of the work by the WisDNR complimented the variety of tree species and the excellent job of planting them by six neighborhood volunteers, the P&FD Commissioners, and support from A&M Trees. We will be adding several more trees thanks to a grant from the American Transmission Company and a matching grant from Gerry Bertsch, former P&FC Commissioner and current member of the Plan Commission.

The Park & Forestry Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Town of Wilson office. Please join us to share your ideas and concerns.

Have you met the next TWFR?

You!



For more information, please contact:

Dan Murphy dmurphy@mastersgalleryfoods.com

Todd Hittman todd.hittman@gotoltc.edu

*** No Out of Pocket Expense –**

All training and equipment is provided to the responder free of charge by the unit.

*** Compensation –**

The responder receives compensation for shifts that they sign up for, the drill/business meetings they attend and working a fire rehabilitation. Payout occurs in January.

*** Confidence Booster –**

Knowing how to handle yourself in an emergency is a great confidence builder.

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As an EMR, you would provide an invaluable service to our community!

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James Van Ess, Town Constable
 (920) 458-3770

James Whipple, Town Constable
 (920) 627-2462

Town of Wilson Maintenance Site

4430 Meyer Road
Recycle Center Hours:
Tuesday 8:00 am- 5:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am- 4:00 pm

EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER

Tom Sanville: 920-457-6554
Otis Kiehl: 920-918-8723
Steve Pautz: 920-946-2216
Or during Sanitary District Office Hours:
 920-694-0088

Town of Wilson Fire Department:
Todd Hittman, Interm Chief (920) 458-6763
 Email: firedept@townwilson.com
Steve Pautz, Asst Chief (920)946-2216

Town of Wilson First Responders:
Dan Murphy, Service Director
 Phone: (920) 838-3214
Shelley Hittman, Co-Director
 Phone: (920) 458-6763

Grota Appraisals (262) 253-1142

Sanitary District Office Hours:

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