



Town of Burke News

Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Town Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **April 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Town Hall Park located at 5365 Reiner Road. The Easter Bunny has prepared 1500 special candy filled eggs for your children to enjoy. As always there will be three age specific areas for children between the ages of 2-11. Children line up at 10:55 a.m. and when the horn blows-the kids can race to get their eggs. Don't be late because once the horn blows, it takes the kids about 10 minutes to find all the eggs and it's over!!!

The Easter Bunny will be at the Town Hall beginning at 10:30 for photo opportunities.

Arbor Day

April 25, 2009 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Parks Commission member, Bert Wilson is once again donating 100's of seedling trees for Burke residents to plant at their homes.

Stop by the Town Hall at 5365 Reiner Road for a hotdog, soda and a free tree! Join the Town of Burke in celebration of Arbor Day by planting a tree to keep America beautiful!



Brush Collection

The Town will collect brush curbside the weeks of **April 6th and April 13th, June 8th and June 15th, August 3rd and August 10th and October 5th and October 12th.** You must have your brush ready on Monday of that week. Obviously, we will not be able to get to the entire town the first day, but it will be picked up during that week. Brush must be stacked with cut ends toward the curb. No limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter are accepted. No grass, roots, leaves or other materials can be placed curbside. Piles larger than 8 feet wide by 4 feet tall are considered commercial jobs for which you must contract with a company for disposal. If you are cutting down a tree, you must contract with a private company for disposal of the brush.

If you would like to receive free wood chips please call the town hall at 825-8420 to place your name, address and phone number on the list. We cannot guarantee you will receive them, but we will do our best to accomodate everyone.

Leaves and grass clippings can be taken to the Westport Compost site at 5254 Hwy. 19 near Waunakee. They are open Mon-Fri. To check on their hours call 266-4139. You may also visit the Dane County website http://www.countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/compost_sites.aspx for other locations and a listing of the items they will accept.



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Spring Election

The polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 5365 Reiner Rd on April 7, 2009. Items on the ballot include Town and School Board positions.



Weather Radios

The Town is partnering with Dane County Emergency Management again this year to offer all-hazards/weather alert radios for sale. They will be available after April 1st at an approximate cost of \$25.

Tire Amnesty Day

On Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. until 1 p.m. you may bring your old tires to Centerline Tire at 5510 County Road CV, Madison. You must show proof of residency in the Town of Burke. Tire Amnesty prices are as follows: Passenger tires and light truck tires \$3.50; Semi Tires \$7.50; and tractor tires \$16.00. Tires with rims or discounts will be extra depending on their size. Please inquire about tires with rims before they unload them. If you have questions, please call Lonnie at 608-445-2832. Thank you in advance to Centerline Tire owner, Jon Leatherberry .

Dog Licenses

Remember to license your dog prior to March 31st. If you have not licensed your dog as of April 1st, you will incur a late fee. Per Town Ordinances, dogs are to be tied or enclosed in a proper enclosure so as not to allow the dog to interfere with passing public or neighbors. Also, it is unlawful to harbor any dog which habitually barks or howls. Violation of these Ordinances may result in the issuance of a citation.

Burn Permits

Burning permits can be obtained by calling the Sun Prairie Fire Department at 837-5066. Leave the information requested on the answering machine so the Fire Department knows you are burning.

ATVs

If you own an all terrain vehicle please make sure you are aware of local ordinances and state laws for the operation of those vehicles within the Town.





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Home Safety

Here are some good tips to follow to protect your home and property:

Exterior of Residence:

-Make sure your home is well lit by using adequate lighting, especially near any doors or windows. Use timers or motion sensors that automatically go on when you are not at home or for when someone approaches your home.

-Do not set your garbage out by the curb several days before garbage pick-up. Again this is an indicator to potential burglars that someone may not be home for several days.

-Make sure to properly break down boxes so the inside of the box faces outwards prior to placing them by the curb for pick-up. Markings on boxes for high-end electronics are key indicators to thieves as to what they might be able to steal from inside a residence.

Doors and Windows:

-Make sure all doors and windows are in good working order and have a proper latch or locking device.

-Use an eyehole or have an area near your front door where you can see who is knocking on your door.

Interior of Residence:

-When not at home during the evening hours leave one or two lights on to give the appearance that someone is home.

-Never leave valuable items such as cash or jewelry in plain view where someone might see them when passing by a window or door. Valuables should be kept in a safe/secure place. Dresser drawers are some of the first places thieves look to find valuables.

-If using a safe, make sure it is secured in a wall or by some other means. Smaller safes can be picked up and taken by

thieves and opened at a later date.

-Make sure to copy down serial numbers for electronics and take pictures of valuables to be used for identification if stolen. Many items go unclaimed if recovered in other jurisdictions due to the inability of law enforcement to identify where an item was stolen from.

-Make sure that guns are always stored unloaded and with an approved gunlock secured to it. The Dane County Sheriff's Office has a limited supply of gunlocks that can be picked up by calling 266-3456.

Other tips:

-Become part of a neighborhood watch or similar program in your area to help deter and prevent crime from occurring.

-Be suspicious of unusual persons or vehicles driving around your neighborhood. Write down license plates along with physical descriptions of persons and vehicles including the date and time seen in case this information needs to be passed on to law enforcement.

-When on vacation be sure to stop mail and newspaper delivery or have someone pick-up these items on a daily basis. Also have someone stop by your house daily or every other day to check on it as well as to give the impression that someone is home.

If you have any questions about this article or anything else related to home safety and security please contact me:

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Board meetings are held at the Town Hall on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

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