



# Town of Burke News

## Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Town Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at the Town Hall Park located at 5365 Reiner Road. The Easter Bunny has prepared 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.

## 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.

## Spring Election

The polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 5365 Reiner Rd on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Items on the ballot include Town and School Board positions and the Presidential Preference Vote.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting of the electors will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 5365 Reiner Rd, Madison.



## Arbor Day

Saturday, April 28, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bert Wilson is once again donating 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!

## Spring Clean Up

On Saturday, May 19 8 a.m.-noon the Town will hold a spring clean up day at the Town Hall for residents to dispose of bulky unwanted items. Visit our website at [townofburke.com](http://townofburke.com) or call the office at 825-8420 closer to the date for a list of items accepted.



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## Brush Collection

### Mark your calendar for the weeks of:

**April 16**

**April 23**

**June 4**

**June 11**

**August 6**

**August 13**

**October 8**

**October 15**

### Brush Pick up Regulations:

- Please have your brush out to the curb by 6:00 a.m. the Monday morning of pick-up week as there is not a scheduled route. Due to the volume of brush we will not get to the entire town the first day, so please be patient.
- Cut ends should be stacked towards the curb. If piles aren't stacked properly they may be skipped.
- Large limbs should not exceed 6 inches in diameter
- Limbs should not be longer than 8 feet in length.
- No grass, roots, leaves or other yard waste will be accepted.
- **Piles larger than 8 feet wide by 4 feet are not accepted.**
- If you or a contractor take down a whole tree that is considered a commercial job, and is also not accepted.

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 accommodate everyone.

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

## Automated Trash and Recyclable Collection

The Town has extended their contract with Waste Management to include automated collection beginning May 1st. Within the next month, Waste Management will deliver two 64 gallon carts at no charge to each residence, one for recycling and one for trash. Additional information about the collection system and a schedule will be included with the carts. Trash will continue to be picked up weekly and recycling will change to every other week. The larger cart will allow for recycling of more materials which will help reduce the Town's overall costs.



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## Open Burning

The following information is from from Sec. 30.01/G.O. 3-2-7 Outdoor Fires Regulated of the Town Ordinances:

**Notice.** Every person in the Town of Burke shall notify the Sun Prairie Fire Department (837-5066), unless exempt by this Section, prior to commencing any outdoor fire in the Town of Burke. Information to be provided to the Sun Prairie Fire Department shall include: name, address, phone numbers, date, time and location of burn, type and amount of material to be burned and fire protection to be used at the location.

**Exemptions to Notice:** The following are exempt from the notice requirement: a) Persons who burn combustible material in a stove, furnace, incinerator, fireplace, burn barrel or other generally accepted container used to contain material being burned. Campfires, fires in burn pits and like fires are not exempt from the notice requirements of this Section. b) Persons who burn charcoal or other combustible materials for cooking outdoors at their residence or who burn charcoal or other combustible materials for domestic cooking outdoors in public parks.

**Conditions.** All outdoor fires of all kinds must be built, started, set, used, and maintained as follows: a) The Town of Burke prohibits any person from igniting any outdoor fire on any day declared an Emergency Fire Day by the State Department of Natural Resources. b) Except for fires located in a generally accepted container used to contain material being burned and fires in burn pits, all outdoor fires must be kept at least 50 feet away from all structures and must be limited to an area no larger than 6 feet by 6 feet in size. c) No fire may be built, started, set, used, or maintained in the Town of Burke on any street, road, highway, curb, gutter, or sidewalk within the Town. d) Except for fires designed for recreation use including, but not limited to, campfires and fires in burn pits, the Town of Burke **prohibits any person from burning after sunset** unless specifically granted permission by the Sun Prairie Fire Department. e) Fires in an incinerator, burning barrel or fire pit must comply with the following: 1. The incinerator, burning barrel or fire pit must have a fireproof wire mesh cover with ventilation holes larger than ¼ inch in diameter. The ventilation holes may not be less than 6 inches apart and must be covered with metal screening to prevent the escape of sparks and burning material. 2. The incinerator, burning barrel or fire pit must be located at least 50 feet from all structures and 5 feet from all property lines, and may be placed only in side yards or rear yards. 3. The ground under and around the incinerator, burning barrel or fire pit must be cleared of all grass, leaves, and similar debris down to bare soil. The area of bare soil must be at least 10 feet in diameter. 4. The only materials that may be burned in an incinerator, burning barrel or fire pit are: Unpainted and untreated wood, paper (except newspaper), cardboard, other non-toxic and easily combustible material generated by the property owner and non-offensive yard waste including, but not limited to, dry leaves, grass and vegetation. 5. Flames from a fire in a fire pit may not exceed the ground level. f) The Sun Prairie Fire Chief is permitted to prohibit any or all fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. g) Any person who builds, starts, sets, uses, or maintains a fire outdoors shall be responsible for liability resulting from damage caused by the fire. h) **All fires must be supervised by a person who is present at all times.** The person present and supervising the fire must be of adequate age and experience in light of the nature of the fire. The person present and supervising the fire must be an adult, unless the outdoor fire is in a grill used for cooking food in a conventional manner. i) No person shall intentionally or negligently create a fire hazard on property owned or leased by the person or permit a fire hazard to exist on such property in the Town of Burke. A person responsible for the fire hazard or the owner of the property where the fire hazard is located shall, once in receipt of notice in writing of the fire hazard by the Sun Prairie Fire Chief or the Town Clerk, take all adequate and necessary action in a timely manner to remove the fire hazard.

**Enforcement.** Any person who violates any provision of this Section shall forfeit not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00 for each offense. Any person whose negligence is a substantial factor in causing the Town to incur costs for fire control or extinguishment shall be responsible for such costs, regardless of whether that person must pay a forfeiture.



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## Town Staff

**Public Works:**

Ron Kurt, Lead Patrolman  
Dave Schleicher, Patrolman

**Office Staff:**

Brenda Ayers, Clerk/Treasurer  
Kim Peterson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

## Town Board

Kevin Viney, Chairperson  
Bill Searls, Supervisor Seat # 2  
Steve Berg, Supervisor Seat #3  
RJ Hess, Supervisor Seat #4  
Lori Munson, Supervisor Seat #5

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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