



# Town of Burke News

## 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 1, 2014. Items on the ballot include Judicial, County Supervisor, Town and School Board positions. There are no candidates listed on the ballot for Town Board Supervisor Seat # 5. At printing time, Patrick Nimmow and Jeff Stieren have filed paperwork to run as write-in candidates.

This will be the first opportunity for voters in the Town of Burke to use the new tabulating machines purchased by all municipalities in Dane County. **After marking your ballot, place it in the tabulator and wait for the screen to read "thank you for voting" prior to walking away.**



## Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Town Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014, 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 children ages 2-11 to enjoy. 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.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting of the electors will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 5365 Reiner Rd, Madison.

## Arbor Day

Saturday, April 26, 2014, 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 17, 2014 8 a.m.-noon the Town will hold the 3rd annual 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 for a list of items accepted.



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## Brush Collection

### Mark your calendar for the weeks of:

**April 14**

**April 21**

**June 9**

**June 16**

**August 4**

**August 11**

**October 6**

**October 13**

### 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 high 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.

## Open Burning

Every person in the Town of Burke shall notify the Sun Prairie Fire Department at 837-5066 prior to commencing any outdoor fire in the Town of Burke. Information provided to the Sun Prairie Fire Department shall include: name, address, phone numbers, date, time and location of burn, type of material to be burned and fire protection to be used at the location. Burning after sunset and on days when burning is banned by the State Department of Natural Resources or the Sun Prairie Fire Department is prohibited.





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## Building Permits

The Town contracts with Independent Inspections, LTD for building inspections. Our current inspector is Dean Eppler. Dean has office hours at the Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. He can be reached by phone at 608-576-6370. Permits are required for all new residential, agricultural and commercial buildings. Some alterations and replacement of mechanicals on existing structures also require a permit. If you are unsure if your project requires a permit, call the inspector prior to beginning the work.

## Road Right-of-Way

*What is road right-of-way?* All public roads are located within land referred to as road right-of-way. Within a typical road right-of-way the following public facilities can be found: driving surface, roadside shoulders and ditch, public utilities, sidewalks and traffic signs to name a few. The road right-of-way is generally 66 feet wide (33 feet on each side of the centerline). Road right-of-way are reserved for travel use and maintenance of the road system.

*What items are allowed in the road right-of-way?* Fire number posts and signs issued by the Town and/or County and mailboxes installed per Town Ordinances.

*What items are not allowed in the road right-of-way?* Signs, fences, retaining walls, landscaping rocks, berms, filling of ditches, trees, shrubs, bushes, structures, pillars, ornamental mailboxes such as pillars or wagon wheels.

Please keep our roadsides free of obstacles and hazards to ensure safe travel in the Town of Burke.

## Fireworks

The Town Office frequently receives complaints about residents shooting off fireworks during the summer months. Please be advised that Chapter 7 of the Town of Burke Ordinances states: **"no person may possess or use fireworks without a user's permit form the Town Board Chairperson or from an official or employee of the Town as designated by the Town Board."** The ordinance further states that permits may be obtained by the following only: a public authority, a fair association, an amusement park, a civic organization or an agricultural producer for protection of crops from predatory birds and animals. Sparklers less than 36 inches in length, devices that spray confetti or streamers containing less than 1/4 grain of explosive and devices that emit smoke but no external flames and do not leave the ground do not require a permit.



## Office Hours

The Town Hall is open 8a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day the office hours on Friday are 8 a.m. to noon. Please note this change in summer hours.

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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 third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Agendas and minutes can be found on the website.