



Town of Burke News

Town Picnic

The Annual Picnic will be held on *Saturday, August 27, 2011*. Town residents will receive an invitation in the mail.



Road Construction

As the saying goes, there are two seasons in Wisconsin, winter and road construction. The Town has contracted with Frank Brothers to reconstruct Portage Road from Rattman to Highway 19 and Reiner Road from Nelson north to the Town line. These projects will occur the end of July.

The contract also includes laying dirt and reseeding the shoulders in the Foxmoor, Stony Ridge, Sunburst, and Sunnyburke subdivisions in the areas that did not produce grass during the 2009 Roads Project. The shoulder repairs will begin in mid-August. We ask for your cooperation in not parking on the newly seeded areas. If you wish to place stakes in your yard to prohibit parking in these areas, for safety reasons please use fiberglass only. Some residents of these subdivisions received notices to move their mailboxes. If when opened the door of your mailbox is more than 6-8 inches from the edge of the road we ask that you move your mailbox even if you did not receive a notice.

Contact the Town office with any questions.

Property Maintenance

The Town Office receives several calls in the spring and summer regarding unmowed lawns and noxious weeds.

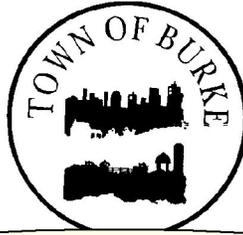
Long grass and weeds are considered to be public nuisances.

Please be a good neighbor and maintain your property in a neat and attractive manner.

A Word from the Token Creek Lions

Token Creek Lions are here to serve you and your community. You may have seen us doing road side clean up on Hwy 19, hiding Easter Eggs or serving food at the town picnic. We are now adding to our repertoire: a Health Fair on October 1 for you and your family. Beyond the Town of Burke, but still in Dane county, our service includes Scholarships to Deforest and Sun Prairie High School seniors, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, providing cookies for Red Cross blood drives and new this year, providing dinner at the Sunshine Place. Our serving hands reach out even further as we are cornea transporters for the Eye Bank of Wisconsin and collect eye glasses and hearing aids to be used in other parts of the world. We are mixed gender club with almost half of the Lions being women. We not only like to serve but also like to have fun. We hope you all enjoyed the Token Creek Lions hosted Independence Day celebration in Token Creek.

If you would like any more information please visit our website at www.tokencreeklions.org or email info@tokencreeklions.org.



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Voter ID Law

Wisconsin law requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID to vote starting with the 2012 February Primary. An acceptable photo ID will be *required* before receiving a ballot at the 2012 February Primary and all subsequent elections.

What is an acceptable ID? An acceptable photo ID is not required to have a current address.

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- A Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport

Identifications above must have an expiration date after the November 2, 2010 election.

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains the following:-- Date of issuance -- Signature of student -- Expiration date not later than two years after date of issuance

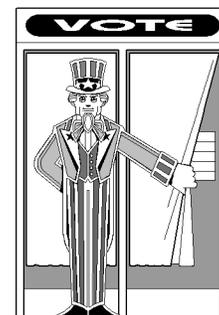
The Voter ID requirement also applies to absentee voting. Those voting in-person absentee will be required to provide photo ID in order to vote.

Mail-in absentee voters will be required to submit a copy of their ID with their absentee ballot application in 2012 and will not have to provide ID with subsequent absentee ballot requests, unless their registration status has changed (i.e. an address or name change).

How do I get a free photo ID to vote? Wisconsin law requires the Department of Transportation to provide free ID cards to any individual who will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election and who requests a free ID for the purpose of voting. The regular fee is \$28. Due to the need to provide a birth certificate and other documents to receive a DOT-issued ID, individuals should start the process of obtaining a statutory identification well in advance of an election at which they wish to vote.

In addition to the photo ID requirement, the following changes have been made to the Wisconsin election laws:

- Voters must sign a poll list prior to receiving their ballot
- The residency requirement has changed from 10 days to 28 consecutive days
- Registration will end at 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election and begin again on election day
- When registering to vote, voters will be required to provide their previous registration address
- In-person absentee voting begins the third Monday before the election, even if the ballots are in the clerk's office, electors cannot vote until that date
- In-person voting ends at 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election





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Brush Collection

Remaining Collection Dates(weeks of):

August 8, 15

October 10, 17

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.

Thank you for your cooperation- Town of Burke Staff.

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 for other locations and a listing of the items they will accept.

Burn Permits

Prior to commencing an outdoor fire (other than campfires and fires in burn barrels) you must contact the Sun Prairie Fire Department at 837-5066. Leave a message on the answering machine including: your name, address, phone number the date, time and location of the burn, type and amount of material to be burned and fire protection to be used at the location.

Please remember the following rules when burning:

- The Town of Burke prohibits any person from igniting any outdoor fire on any day declared an Emergency Fire Day by the the DNR.
- No fire may be built, started, set, used or maintained in the Town of Burke on any street, road, highway, curb, gutter or sidewalk
- Fires must be supervised by a person who is present at all times.
- Except for fires designed for recreation uses including, but not limited to, campfires and fires in burn pits, the Town prohibits burning after sunset.





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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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