



Town of Burke News

New Office Hours

To better serve the residents

The Town office will open April 1 with sneeze guard service. *Masks and social distancing required.*

With the opening of the lobby we will have limited hours.

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| Monday-Thursday | 9:00 to 3:00 |
| Friday: | 9:00 to noon |

Lobby access will be subject to change based on the CDC and the Public Health of Madison and Dane County recommendations.

We also have staff updates from 2020/21. Teri Saxon has been promoted to the Town Clerk Treasurer position. She can help you with your property tax, voting, and licensing questions. She does so much more for the Town but there isn't enough space to list all her duties here. She will be attending trainings over the next few years to better serve Town residents.

PJ Monson was hired to the Administrator position and comes to the Town with many years of municipal and state service. PJ will also be taking additional training to better serve the Town and its residents.

Please feel free to call the Town Hall with any questions or concerns you might have. And watch the Town website for updates as we navigate through the year.

If you are uncomfortable entering the lobby, please use the drop box outside the front door and include a self-addressed envelope if requesting return information.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting of the electors will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 5365 Reiner Rd, Madison. All Town Residents are Welcome!



Election Dates

The Spring Election will be held on April 6 at the Town Hall.

MyVote.WI.Gov for voter registration

The Town Hall, 5365 Reiner Road, is the polling place for all wards in the Town of Burke. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Spring Clean-Up

The 8th annual clean up will be on Saturday, May 15, 2021 8 a.m. to noon at the Town Hall for Town residents. This event is offered for the convenience of residents to dispose of incidental items. Town Staff and officials reserve the right to refuse to accept loads deemed to be excessive. Visit our website at townofburke.com or call the office at 825-8420 for a list of items accepted and cost per item.





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New Brush Collection Procedures

The Town has entered into a contract with Barnes Inc. for curbside brush collection. Brush will be collected four times a year starting the first week of each month.

Brush Collection Schedule (weeks of): **May 3, July 5, September 13 and November 1, 2021**

Brush Collection Regulations:

- Please have your brush out to the road by 7:00 a.m. the Monday morning of pick-up week. Once collection on a road is completed, Barnes will not return until the next scheduled collection date.
- Residents should not place their brush at the curb more than 14 days before the scheduled pick-up week.
- Cut ends should be uniformly stacked untangled towards the road. If piles aren't stacked properly they may be skipped.
- Limbs should not exceed 6 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length.
- No grass, roots, leaves or other yard waste will be accepted. Brush mixed with yard waste will not be accepted.
- **Only one pile no larger than 4x4x10 feet will be accepted per collection week.**
- Piles larger than 4'x4'x10' will not be accepted.
- This service is for routine tree trimmings, it is not for disposal of entire trees. Brush generated by a private contractor must be disposed of by a private contractor.

Per the contract, Barnes Inc. will dispose of the chipped material. **The Town will no longer offer wood chip delivery.**

See page three for information on where to take leaves and grass clippings.

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. **Burning on commercial properties is prohibited by the DNR.**

Storm Water

The Town of Burke is a member of the Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership (MAMSWP) to better serve nature and our water supply. As part of this commitment, we would like to make residents aware of some simple but impactful ways to better serve nature.

Have you considered a rain barrel or have one that just isn't doing what you had hoped it would? Maybe you find your plantings just aren't as vibrant as they used to be? Visit the www.ripple-effects.com website to see all the rain barrel options as well as other easy ways to help with erosion control, landscaping, or composting.

Thank You for thinking water smart!!



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Compost Site

The Town of Burke is continuing their partnership with Schönheit Gardens to accept leaves and grass clippings from Town residents at their site located at the intersection of County Hwy T and Bailey Road. The site will be available from April to November. **An annual permit is required to use the site and can be purchased at the Town Hall during regular office hours for a fee of \$5.** If you do not wish to enter the lobby, drop your payment and self addressed stamped envelope in the nightdrop and a permit can be mailed to you. This option is only available for residential use, yard waste from commercial lawn mowing companies will not be accepted.

Rain Gardens

WHAT IS A RAIN GARDEN?

Rain gardens are specially-designed gardens that collect and infiltrate stormwater from impervious areas such as roofs, driveways, and heavily-compacted lawns.

Rain gardens are usually planted with native vegetation, though ornamentals may also be used. They can look as manicured or as natural as the gardener chooses.

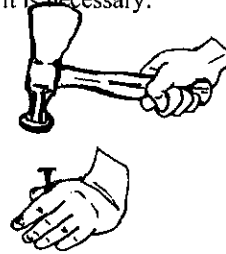
The gardens are usually designed to be 6-8 inches deep, in order to retain stormwater long enough for it to infiltrate into the ground.

Maintenance is similar to that of any garden. The first couple of years require regular weeding, but once established, the native plants tend to crowd out most weeds.

Building rain gardens is a great way for individuals to get involved in improving our lakes and streams.

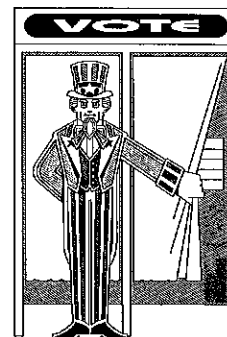
Building Permits

The Town contracts with SAFEbuilt for building inspections. Our current inspector is Chris Butschke. Chris has office hours at the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. He can be reached by phone at 608-576-6371. Call the inspector prior to beginning construction and remodeling jobs to determine if a permit is necessary.



Voter Registration

Have you moved, changed your name, are you a new voter? If you have a Wisconsin DOT issued driver license or identification card and your name and address have been updated with the DMV, you can register to vote online at myvote.wi.gov up to 21 days prior to an election.



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Town Staff

Public Works:

Ron Kurt, Lead Patrolman

Eddie Haltaufderheide, Patrolman

Office Staff:

PJ Monson, Administrator

Teri Saxon, Clerk/Treasurer

Town Hall Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. to noon



Town Board

Kevin Viney, Chairperson

Jeff Stieren, Supervisor Seat # 2

Steve Berg, Supervisor Seat #3

Chris Truitt, Supervisor Seat #4

Pat Nimmow, Supervisor Seat #5

Board meetings are generally 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 or the bulletin board outside the Town Hall.