



Town of Oregon

NEWSLETTER

Town Hall/Clerk's Office – 1138 Union Rd; Hours Mon – Thurs 8 – 4; 835-3200
TORC (Town of Oregon Recycling Center) –
1067 Storytown Rd; Hours Sat 7:30 – 4:30 (Wed 2 – 6 ONLY May to Oct 1)

Spring 2009

TOWN OF OREGON OFFICIALS

Chairperson Darryl Weber
Supervisors Wayne Ace
 Phil Van Kampen
 Rick Andersen
 Chris Johnson
Clerk Denise Arnold
Deputy Clerk Jennifer Hanson
Treasurer Rhonda LaFlash
Assessor Andrew Blomstrom
Constable Gary Wackett
Joint Municipal Judge. Beth Cox
Road Patrolmen. Ron Outhouse
 Harlan Heller
Snow Removal Romaine Ace
 Bob Kjendlie
TORC Attendants Ralph Maher
 Ken West
 Sam Ace

Rep to Brooklyn
Fire & EMS Mark O'Brien

Rep to Belleville
Fire & EMS Phil Van Kampen

Rep to Oregon
Fire & EMS Phil Van Kampen
Building Inspector. . . . Mike Kleisch
Plan Commission Darryl Weber, Chr.
 Andy Blomstrom
 Lloyd Klahn
 Dave Hagemann
 Brian Duffin
 Sharon
 Christensen
 Paul Morrison

Park Committee Steve Root, Chr.
 Janine Jensen
 Robert Johnson
 Raandi Schmidt
 Mark Brylski

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ROAD & SAFETY COMMITTEE

By: Chris Johnson

October 2008, Town Board Chairman Weber created a Town Road & Traffic Safety Committee. Members are Chairman Wayne Ace, Chris Johnson, Dave Hagemann, Robert Kujawa and Gary Wackett. Public safety is the goal of this committee. In order to accomplish this goal, the committee identified issues to be addressed and developed a system for the identification and completion of safety and traffic concerns. The issues identified were:

1. Signage (quality, installation of new signs & additional signs required)
2. Road conditions (potholes & major roadwork to be budgeted)
3. Tree trimming and right of way clearance (branches & brush for safe mowing and snowplowing)
4. Intersections & driveways (safety issues with stop signs & obstructions)
5. Shoulders & culverts (washed out, filled in, shoulder levels & frequency of mowing)
6. Parks (need for trash containers & other safety issues)

This fall the committee members inspected the town's signs and the town road crew will be replacing and installing new signs as recommended. Other road and safety issues will be addressed as the weather improves and as the committee is made aware of concerns. Any residents that may have a question or concern regarding these issues please contact: Wayne Ace (576-7281), Chris Johnson (455-4701) or the Town of Oregon office (835-3200).

BUILDING PERMITS – DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

If you are: altering an existing building, constructing a new building, doing major repairs, adding a solar collector, adding a bay or bow window, cleaning out drainage ditches or ponds, doing any brush or tree cutting, filling or grading in a floodzone, wetland or shoreland area, you probably do need a zoning permit. For information call: Dane County Zoning 266-4266.

To view the Dane County Zoning Code of Ordinances visit their website at www.co.dane.wi.us/ord/dcord.htm

In addition to a Dane County Zoning permit you may also need a Town of Oregon building permit to remodel, replace siding or windows, build, repair, or add to your home, deck or other structures. For information contact the Clerk's office at 835-3200.

TOWN CANDIDATES

TOWN BOARD CHAIRPERSON (VOTE FOR 1)

Rick Anderson
4814 Oregon Trail



Darryl Weber
1024 Tipperary Road



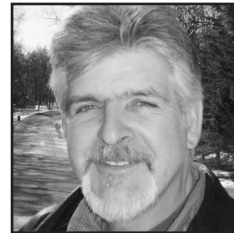
TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2)

Brad Smith – No photo Submitted
5597 Netherwood Rd.

Wayne L. Ace
1219 County Road D



Kevin Kox
1550 Woodvale Dr.



Chris Johnson
541 Union Rd.



TOWN TREASURER

Rhonda LaFlash – No photo Submitted
5721 Bellbrook Rd.

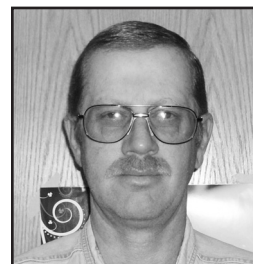
TOWN ASSESSOR

Andy Blomstrom
5829 Madsen Circle



CONSTABLE (VOTE FOR 1)

Gary Wackett
930 Harding St.



Kurt Maher
1244 County Road D



SPRING ELECTION – APRIL 7, 2009

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE APRIL 7, 2009

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY 2 ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.
To vote for the candidate of your choice, complete the arrow to the RIGHT of the candidate's name. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, write the person's name on the line provided and complete the arrow.

IMPORTANT: USE A #2 PENCIL OR THE MARKING PEN PROVIDED. DO NOT USE BALL POINT PEN.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	MUNICIPAL <small>continued</small>	
STATE SUPERINTENDENT <small>Vote for 1</small>	TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR <small>Vote for not more than 2</small>	SCHOOL DISTRICT
ROSE FERNANDEZ ←	BRAD SMITH ←	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER <small>SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELLEVILLE</small> <small>Vote for not more than 2</small>
TONY EVERS ←	WAYNE L. ACE ←	JANICE HINDSON ←
Write-in ←	KEVIN KOX ←	ELIZABETH LOWERY ←
JUDICIAL	CHRIS JOHNSON ←	Write-in ←
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT <small>Vote for 1</small>	Write-in ←	Write-in ←
RANDY R. KOSCHNICK ←	TOWN TREASURER <small>Vote for 1</small>	
SHIRLEY S. ABRAHAMSON ←	RHONDA LaFLASH ←	
Write-in ←	Write-in ←	
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE <small>Branch 6</small> <small>Vote for 1</small>	TOWN ASSESSOR <small>Vote for 1</small>	
SHELLEY J. GAYLORD ←	ANDY BLOMSTROM ←	
Write-in ←	Write-in ←	
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE <small>Branch 10</small> <small>Vote for 1</small>	CONSTABLE <small>Vote for 1</small>	
JUAN B. COLAS ←	GARY WACKETT ←	
Write-in ←	KURT MAHER ←	
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE <small>Branch 11</small> <small>Vote for 1</small>	Write-in ←	
DAN MOESER ←	SCHOOL DISTRICT	
Write-in ←	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER <small>Area I</small> <small>OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT</small> <small>Vote for 1</small>	OFFICIAL BALLOT for NONPARTISAN OFFICE 04/07/2009 for Ballot issued by (Initials of Inspectors) Absent Elector's Ballot issued by (Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk) Certification of Elector Assistance I certify that this ballot was marked by me for an elector who is authorized under the law to have assistance, upon request, and as directed by the elector. (Signature of assisting individual)
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE <small>Branch 13</small> <small>Vote for 1</small>	STEVE ZACH ←	
JULIE GENOVESE ←	DANIEL E. BIERSDORF ←	
STEPHEN EHLKE ←	Write-in ←	
Write-in ←	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER <small>Area IV</small> <small>OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT</small> <small>Vote for 1</small>	
COUNTY	DEEDRA ATKINSON ←	
COUNTY EXECUTIVE <small>Vote for 1</small>	Write-in ←	
NANCY MISTELE ←		
KATHLEEN FALK ←		
Write-in ←		
MUNICIPAL		
TOWN BOARD CHAIRPERSON <small>Vote for 1</small>		
RICK ANDERSEN ←		
DARRYL WEBER ←		
Write-in ←		

The Town of Oregon polling location is 1138 Union Road. The polls will be open 7:00AM to 8:00PM. Anyone wanting to vote before Election Day may request an absentee ballot either by stopping at the Clerk's Office or mailing a signed

request to the Town Hall. Absentee Ballot Request forms are available at the Wisconsin State Elections Board website, <http://elections.state.wi.us>, Form EB-121.

OREGON SENIOR CENTER NEWS

By: Alison Koelsch, Director

Many of you reading the Town of Oregon Newsletter may not receive the Senior Center Newsletter (Rome Corners Reporter) and may not be aware of all that's happening at the Center. Whether it's something that may interest you now or storing the information for future use, (for you or your folks) it's good to know what's out there.

Some of the many services include; Outreach and Case Management, con-

gregate and home-delivered meals five days per week, a State of Wisconsin certified Adult Day Program that's offered three days per week, a loan closet with many choices of durable medical equipment and support groups including Diabetic Support and Caregiver Support.

The Wisconsin Accredited Senior Center also offers wonderful health and wellness opportunities including; regular and diabetic footcare, weekly blood pressure screening, Reflexology and annual flu inoculations.

Regular programs that have really

taken off include exercise classes offered five days per week and Yoga now being offered in the lower level of the State Bank of Cross Plains. We have plans to start a Tai Ji program and our pool players and ping pong players continue to grow. The growing trend whether people are 60 or 90 seems to be staying active.

We'd love to have you stop in Monday through Fridays from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM for a tour and to hear more about the Center that you very generously help support!

CONSTABLE'S REPORT

By: Gary Wackett, Constable

The following is the 2008 Annual Report of the Town Constable. 6770 patrol miles and 381 hours were logged. Patrol miles and hours do not include miles and hours for committee and board meetings. Hours also do not include time for reports, logs and

general question calls for weed complaints.

87 reports were prepared. 238 park checks were made. 5 vacation checks were made. 3 weed complaints were checked. 27 citations were issued, for a bond amount of \$4431.50 before court. 16 written warnings were issued.

The following is a break down of reports written: 9 assist Oregon EMS, 1 assistant Brooklyn EMS, 1 assist Brooklyn Police, 1 illegal dumping, 15 animal, 2 check area, 3 check persons, 5 damage to property, 1 noise, 3 fireworks, 2 unsecured property, 1 disturbance, 1 storm damage dispatched to 21 incidents, and 27 citation reports.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: Gary Wackett

Emergency Management is new to the township newsletter. You may wonder what Emergency Management is? Emergency management is the pre-planning and response to natural and man-made disasters. The Emergency Management Committee currently consists of four members from the township. Since the last 1990's, the

Federal, State and County Governments have required all municipal governments to have a disaster plan on file. The plan is only one of many steps needed to get Federal assistance in case of a declared disaster. Other requirements are to have Town officials certified with NIMS (National Incident Management System) training. The newest requirement that is in the initial stages is a mitigation plan.

2009 will keep the Committee busy with required updates. In addition, the township will be working with area emergency responders to set-up planning response in case of a disaster.

Hopefully, we will never have to use this plan. However, if a disaster does happen, the township will be ready to respond to the residents needs.

PARK COMMITTEE

The Eagle Scout sign located outside the Town Hall is in recognition of the scouts earning their Eagle Scout status and the contributions made to the town. The sign was made by Tom Wollin who also made the sign at the Town Park. In celebration of Arbor Day in Wisconsin April 24, local residents, neighbors and youth groups will

plant trees in two Town of Oregon parks. Spearheading the project is Kathy E. Esch. In 2006 & 2007 over 50 trees were planted with the help of neighbors in Kennedy Park. In 2008, 50 trees were planted at Town Park and another 5 at Kennedy Park. Project volunteers are needed for digging holes, planting trees, hauling water, watering trees for up to

two years after planting, mulching trees, staking trees, helping the younger volunteers and supervision. Volunteers can sign up by calling or emailing Kathy E. Esch at 608-220-9700 prairiehillart@verizon.net or Steve Root, Town of Oregon Parks Chairman, 835-9204. A reminder that park hours are sunrise to sunset.

CLERK'S REPORT

By: Denise Arnold

There are many interesting tasks that come to the Clerk's Office. One of the greatest pleasures is working with the Town of Oregon Poll workers. This committed group of patriots go to trainings, attend the public test and always ask "how can I help?" When we were overwhelmed with 765 absentee ballots Myra Hann, Ruth Jeschke and Grace Wiedenbeck came to the rescue pushed up their sleeves days before the Election. Four Elections in one year is a challenge and the Presidential Election was exciting registering 1,990 ballots that historical day. We really want to thank everyone that provided help, encouragement and of course food support for us. If you see any of our dedicated extended staff out in the community please thank them for a job well done. Our new best friends are, Kathy Dauck, Myra Hann, Esther Huntoon, James Huntoon, Ruth Jeschke, Bob Johnson, Chris, Johnson, Ruth Klahn, Susan Lethem, Mary Nelson, Laura Richardson, Julie Seaborg, Sandy Shackelford, Phil Van Kampen, Barb Wiedenbeck, Grace Wiedenbeck, John Wiedenbeck and Tom Wiedenbeck. A special thanks to former Clerk Ruth Klahn for postponing her knee surgery until after the election. Please accept our sincere thank you as we know we could not have accomplished this alone.

November 2008 Election Day Results

President

Obama	1259
McCain	702

Representative in Congress District #2

Baldwin	1233
Theron	702

Assembly – District 80

Waelti	871
Davis	1046

Oregon School Referendum

Yes	1061
No	733

SNOWPLOWING – PREVENT SNOW DAMAGE TO YOUR MAILBOX

In Wisconsin snow removal operations frequently conflict with mailboxes. Mailbox installations that have been successful in reducing the number of mailboxes damaged or demolished by snow removal feature a 24 to 36 inch "arm" at a 46 inch height. This allows the snow plow to remove snow closer to the mailbox and maintain a greater distance from the post. Mailbox installations do require regular maintenance and must withstand the weight of wet snow being pushed on them by a snow plow. After several years of freezing and thawing, mailboxes may need to be re-installed. The Town does not pay for or replace mailboxes that collapse due to snow removal efforts.

COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN

The Town is still working towards getting final approval of the completed Comprehensive Plan. The Town has received approval for the Farmland Preservation Plan. The state has given the town a deadline of December 31, 2009 to complete a blanket re-zone of 234 parcels in the Town of Oregon. Affected landowners will be notified shortly.

CENSUS 2010

The United States Constitution requires for purposes of apportionment and redistricting a census of the United States be taken every ten years. In the year 2010, The U.S. Census Bureau will conduct a census

across our Nation to enumerate the U.S. population. The decennial census provides the information each community needs to obtain its fair share of funding for health assistance, services for older adults, employment services, schools,

and more. 2010 Census questionnaires will not be delivered to households until mid-March of 2010, but the census awareness campaign has started TODAY.

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

- TORC HOURS:** The TORC will resume Wednesday hours, 2:00PM to 6:00PM, starting Wednesday May 6, 2009 and ending September 24, 2009. It is open year round Saturdays from 7:30AM to 4:30PM.
- YARD WASTE:** Yard Waste can be brought to the TORC during open hours.
- MULCH:** The Town Crew will occasionally have mulch available at the TORC.
- ALTERNATIVE DISPOSAL INFORMATION:** Motor Oil and tires can be disposed of at the TORC. Household hazardous Waste & Paint can be disposed at Dane County Clean Sweep – 294-5366. Lead Acid batteries can be turned over to retailers that sell lead acid batteries. For other disposal inquiries please visit www.co.dane.wi.us.
- IMPORTANT DATES:** Tuesday, April 7, 2009 – Spring Election
Tuesday, April 14, 2009 – Annual Meeting at 7:00PM
- OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW** Dates have not been set. If you have questions, please contact the assessor, Andy Blomstrom at 835-5321.
- BURN PERMIT:** The Town does not require residents to obtain a burning a burning permit, HOWEVER you must contact your fire department before you burn.
- NOXIOUS/INVASIVE WEEDS:** State Law requires every property owner to cut or destroy Canadian Thistle, Leafy Spurge and Field Bindweed (commonly known as Creeping Jenny) to prevent them from going to seed or spreading to adjoining properties. Any questions, please contact our constable Gary Wackett at 445-5673.
- FIREWORKS PERMIT:** Wisconsin State Statue 167.40 requires the Town of Oregon to issue Fireworks Permit for any person possessing or using fireworks. Permits can be obtained at the Clerk's office and cost \$2.00.
- DOG LICENSE:** All dog(s) five months of age or older must be licensed. Fees: Male/Female \$17.50 Spayed/Neutered \$11.50 Kennel License: \$45.75. Any questions, please contact Rhonda La Flash at 516-1635.

TORC NEWS

The Town of Oregon has changed to Pellitteri Waste Systems for waste disposal and recycling hauler at the TORC. At the TORC you can recycle: paper & flattened cardboard products (magazines, envelopes, news-paper, Kleenex boxes, cereal boxes), plastic (#1 through #7), glass bottles/containers, aluminum/tin and steel. The TORC will continue to keep aluminum cans and metal separate from the all-in-one recycling. Pellitteri will also be providing residents with a household bulky item pickup option. Please call Pellitteri at 257-4285 to discuss pickup days and pricing. The Town has seen a significant saving since switching to Pellitteri as of January 1st, 2009.

ATC POWER LINES

The PSC is now in the final stages of deciding the location of the Rockdale - West Middleton Transmission Line. ATC has submitted a proposal for a 345-kilovolt transmission line to reinforce Dane County's transmission network. One of

the lines would be through the Town of Oregon. More detailed information, including route maps, fact sheets and other project-specific information can be found on the projects website at www.atc-projects.com. PSC Hearings will be held on March 24-25, 2009,

1:00 & 6:00 p.m. at the PSC Office (610 N. Whitney Way, Madison). The Town has formally notified the PSC that it is opposed to any lines in the Town of Oregon.

ALL-HAZARD WARNING RADIOS (WEATHER RADIOS) WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN HALL

The Town of Oregon will partner with Dane County Emergency Management to distribute all-hazards warning radios (a/k/a weather radio) to the public.

About the radio: The radio is the Reecom Model R-1630 All-Hazards/Weather Alert Radio. Features include:

- Programmable – Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) allows the user to program the radio to alert for only the desired location and warning types
- Battery backup – the radio will still work if power is lost
- Visual display of warning information
- Relay to activate external devices like a bed shaker or strobe light for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Includes a jack for an external antenna if needed to improve reception
- Alerts by voice announcement or tone.

Radio retails for \$59.99. Our purchase price: \$25.00 (approximate price) plus tax. We will be limited to sell no more than two radios per household. We expect to have radios available at the Town Hall by April 1, 2009.

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