

# Town of Greenfield

## Fall Newsletter 2020

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### WEBSITE UPDATE

Have you taken a look at our new website? It has meeting agendas and minutes, notices, calendar of events, ordinances and other helpful information.

[WWW.TOWNOFGREENFIELDWI.ORG](http://WWW.TOWNOFGREENFIELDWI.ORG)

### Treasurer and Clerk News

We have a new Treasurer, welcome **Danny Kjos**. Danny and his family have lived on St. Joseph Ridge since Sept. of 2015. His accounting and great people skills will be a benefit to our town.

Stacy Burns is thinking about stepping down as clerk due to time constraints. Are you interested in being clerk?

Average work week consists of 20-25 hours, which varies depending on the time of year. This position requires various accounting skills and computer knowledge. If you would like a full job description, please email your request to: [clerk@townofgreenfieldwi.org](mailto:clerk@townofgreenfieldwi.org)

Town Chair – Tom Jacobs  
608-797-9123

[Chair@townofgreenfieldwi.org](mailto:Chair@townofgreenfieldwi.org)

Supervisor 1 – Andy Neubauer  
608-769-9448

[Supervisor1@townofgreenfieldwi.org](mailto:Supervisor1@townofgreenfieldwi.org)

Supervisor 2 – Kevin Timm  
608-792-4862

[Supervisor2@townofgreenfieldwi.org](mailto:Supervisor2@townofgreenfieldwi.org)

Clerk – Stacy Burns  
608-769-8828

[Clerk@townofgreenfieldwi.org](mailto:Clerk@townofgreenfieldwi.org)

Treasurer – Danny Kjos  
608-485-3131

[Treasurer@townofgreenfieldwi.org](mailto:Treasurer@townofgreenfieldwi.org)



Our Building Inspector is **Bud Raymer**. If you have any questions about building or remodeling a house, or if you are wondering if you need a permit for your deck or shed, Bud is the person to call.

**Bud Raymer ~ 608-786-1582 ~** Be sure to leave your name and phone number.

### PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Barry Nelson David Hansen  
Pat Manthey Dennis Gerke  
Alex Clason



### ST JOSEPH'S RIDGE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1 – 5:15 PM**

Versiti will again be holding a blood drive at the Town of Greenfield Town Hall, N1800 Town Hall Road, La Crosse on October 26 from 1- 5:15 PM. For an appointment please call 877-BE-A HERO or schedule online at: [bit.ly/giveoct26](http://bit.ly/giveoct26)

\*The SARS COV-2 antibody test, AKA COVID-19 Antibody Test (CAT), will be performed on all blood donations as part of our standard testing.



# Election News

The General Election this Fall is **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**. Polls are open at the Greenfield Town Hall, N1800 Town Hall Road, La Crosse, WI 54601 from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM



If you haven't registered, the deadline for online or by mail was Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. You may still register in the clerk's office before 5:00 PM on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> OR on election day. If your valid driver's license does not show the address where you live, you must provide proof of residence for 28 days.

**MyVote.WI.gov** is a great website that will answer many questions. You may also request an absentee ballot through [MyVote.WI.gov](http://MyVote.WI.gov).

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day and who has lived in this township for at least 28 days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

**The deadline for making application to receive an absentee by mail is: 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 29, 2020.**

## Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office (N1800 Town Hall Road) during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

Tues – 10/20/20	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Wed – 10/21/20	12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Thurs – 10/22/20	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sat – 10/24/20	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Tues – 10/27/20	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Wed – 10/28/20	12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Thurs – 10/29/20	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Fri – 10/30/20	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

If you cannot make any of these times, you may make an appointment by calling Stacy at 608-769-8828

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

## REFERENDUM

On the Town of Greenfield Ballot this November is a Referendum asking the electors a yes or no question. "Shall the person holding the office of town clerk and town treasurer; or combined office of town clerk and town treasurer, in the Town of Greenfield, La Crosse County, be appointed by the Town Board?"

What does this referendum mean? Why do towns switch to having an appointed clerk or treasurer?

The positives or negatives often depend on one's perspective. But some of the key differences are as follows: Appointed clerks and treasurers: 1. Do not have to be town residents. 2. Have their qualifications, job descriptions, and wages/benefits set by the town board as they are essentially town employees hired by the board. 3. Cannot be removed by the board during their term of office, unless there is "cause" for removal (misconduct in office or neglect of duties). The board can simply choose not to re-appoint an official at the end of his or her term without having to establish cause. 4. Can be appointed for a term not to exceed 3 years at one time. Can be appointed for a shorter term such as six months or one year or whatever the board deems appropriate.

Elected clerks and treasurers: 1. Do have to be town residents. 2. Are answerable to the electorate and cannot be required by the board to hold specific qualifications or obtain training (unless required by state law-such as election training for clerks). 3. Can be recalled from office like other elected officials, but cannot be removed from office by a board vote. 4. Are elected for two-year terms at the spring election in odd-numbered years.

## PROPERTY TAXES

Be aware that there may be changes regarding the payment of your taxes. Due to Covid19, we may ask that you mail in your payments OR put them in the town drop box located by the front door of the Town Hall, N1800 Town Hall Road, (by the water tower).

There will be limited face to face opportunities to pay your taxes.



Please watch for the cover letter that will arrive with your tax bill in early December.

## Assessments to be updated to 100% market value in Spring of 2021

Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. will begin a community wide property revaluation in the Town of Greenfield in the spring of 2021. The revaluation is a complete and thorough review of assessments to ensure that property is assessed at market value. Market value can be defined as the probable price that a careful, willing buyer would pay for a property on the open market without restrictions or special considerations. Properties change, markets change. *Buyers and sellers create the market; the assessor's job is to reflect those markets in the assessments.* The purpose of the revaluation is not to raise taxes but rather to provide a fair distribution of the property tax burden based on the market value of each property.

## Mary Anne Leuck 1946-2020



Our township lost a great friend to all and an incredible leader as treasurer for 15 years. Mary Anne Leuck passed away Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020 at Gundersen Health System. Tax payers and dog owners

will miss the time she took getting to know everyone. Her smile and easy to love personality will never be forgotten. Mary also worked for the St. Joseph Ridge Sanitary District for 53 years. She loved working with numbers and making them balance.

Our sympathy to her husband of 53 years, Joe, their son Brian, his wife Carla and their daughter Madeline; one sister Veronica (Michael) Stoll; brother-in-law Glenn Paulson; one aunt Eunice Savall; many other relatives, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.



## So, why is this revaluation being done?

The state of Wisconsin keeps track of the ratio of assessed property and actual sale of property. If we fall outside the percentage of 90%-110%, we become non-compliant with the state.

In 2015, we were 91.22%, which is in range, but in 2016 we were 88.10%; in 2017, 89.07%; 2018, 84.00% and 2019, 84.03%.

We have no choice. This must be done or the state comes in and does it for us, costing us a lot more money. Action needs to be taken this coming spring.

More information will be included with your property tax statements.

Thank you for understanding and helping our assessor do his job.

Join the Town Board for the Annual Budget and Levy meeting. It will be held at 6 PM on Wednesday, November 11, 2020. Then stay for the regular town board meeting at 7 PM.

## How do I Rent the Town Hall?

The Greenfield Town Hall is available to rent for your social event or for a meeting. The fees are listed on the rental agreement. *See Town of Greenfield website and select Forms and Permits.* Check the calendar for available dates and fill out the rental agreement form.

To reserve the **Lion's Park Shelter** for your event, contact The Ridge Restaurant **608-788-3969**



# St. Joseph Ridge Lions

**We Serve**

On behalf of the St. Joseph Ridge Lions Club we would like to thank everyone in the Town of Greenfield for your patience as we completed our park project upgrade. We were blessed to be able to repurpose the playground equipment from Blessed Sacrament School. We finished installation late August and put mulch around all of the equipment during our September club meeting. Unfortunately, we were not able to salvage the old playset and felt it necessary to dispose of it due to safety concerns. We are looking to purchase and add a spiral slide next spring.



## St. Joseph's Ridge Softball Diamond Alive Again!

The softball field has been reworked and a new electrical service panel was installed. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, the Lions held a five team round robin fundraiser tournament. Four of the five teams played six games each. The five local teams were Impact Drywall, Southridge from Coon Valley, Coulee Refrigeration, Nick's and Timmer's. Impact Drywall was the winner after beating Southridge in the championship game. Thanks to everyone who participated that day!

Feel free to contact a club member if you have any ideas as to additional equipment we could add to the park. We are hoping to see the park bustling with activity next spring with softball and other events as Covid19 allows.

Enjoy,  
St. Joseph Ridge Lions Club

## TOWN OF GREENFIELD EMAILS

Please make a note that the town board emails have changed. The old ones still work, but we would like to start transitioning to the new ones ASAP! Thank you.

[Chair@townofgreenfieldwi.org](mailto:Chair@townofgreenfieldwi.org)

[Supervisor1@townofgreenfieldwi.org](mailto:Supervisor1@townofgreenfieldwi.org)

[Supervisor2@townofgreenfieldwi.org](mailto:Supervisor2@townofgreenfieldwi.org)

[Clerk@townofgreenfieldwi.org](mailto:Clerk@townofgreenfieldwi.org)

[Treasurer@townofgreenfieldwi.org](mailto:Treasurer@townofgreenfieldwi.org)

## Town of Greenfield Residents Email list!

It would be helpful to have residents' email in case of road projects or other situations. And, did you want to stay up to date on other town things? If you join the towns' email list, the board meeting agendas, other special meeting agendas and important town news will be emailed to you.

Please send your email to:  
[Clerk@townofgreenfieldwi.org](mailto:Clerk@townofgreenfieldwi.org)

Tell us your name, address and phone number. Then let us know if want to be on the email list, OR if you are just providing your information if we need it.

Thank you for your help.



# FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™



**Shelby Fire Department**, of St. Joseph Ridge, celebrated National Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, with a visit from the kids at the Toddle Inn Daycare.



**Burning permits** are required prior to a controlled fire. There is no fee. Contact any of the 3 board members to get a permit. Please follow the procedure on the forms as they restrict types and size of burns.

You do not need a permit for a campfire. A campfire needs to have a proper ring and needs to be small enough to safely roast a marshmallow over it. If it's too hot for a marshmallow, then your fire is TOO big.

Burn barrels are not allowed in the township.



**The Town Workers** are busy with grass cutting and trimming along the sides of

the roads. It's best to wait until the grass has stopped growing in late fall. This way it helps for snow not to collect and drift in the long grass. Thanks for watching out for Darrel and Scott.

**The Shelby Fire Department** has been training hard to serve the community. Currently, we are training in a donated house provided by Don Hess, from Hess Excavating. Trainings include driving, pump operation, flowing water, hose movement inside a structure, forcible entry, incident command, ladder movement to the second floor, and others. This is a great asset that the SFD has been able to use over the summer. Our intention is to provide members with live fire training evolution moving forward.

The SFD assisted the Greenfield Lions Club with Sleep in Heavenly Peace project where beds are built for children that do not have a bed to sleep in. We were able to meet our goal of building 60 beds in one morning. As their saying goes "no child sleeps on the floor in our town." This is such a great organization and it was extremely fun for us to help.

We are finishing up our first ever camper raffle fund raiser. If you haven't gotten tickets yet it may be too late! This is a fundraiser the SFD is using to purchase a replacement boat for the fire department. The one we currently have is becoming old and too small for current needs.

October is fire prevention month. Due to the Covid pandemic the SFD is not having open houses as we traditionally do. However, if you are part of an organization that would like a tour, we are doing virtual tours of our station 1 and 2.

**Tony Holinka**, Town of Shelby Fire Chief

According to Demographic Services, the Town of Greenfield Population is 2,155. Approximately 1,594 are of voting age. We have 1,432 registered as of 10/8/20.

## SNOW PLOWING



It is getting to be that time of year. Here are a few reminders for when it snows. It's always best not to have cars parked on the town roads. It takes both of our drivers 7 hours each to complete their routes. We need you to understand that everyone can't be plowed out first. They are typically out before the county plows are out. Please be patient.



## RECYCLE CENTER

**W2870 Kreibich Coulee Road**  
 Manager ~ Tom Ludwigson  
 608-792-9563

### Winter Hours

*(November 1 – March 31)*

Tuesdays 1PM – 4 PM

Saturdays 8AM – 1 PM

### Summer Hours

*(April 1 – October 31)*

Tuesdays 4PM – 7 PM

Saturdays 8AM – 1 PM

See our Recycler Flyer for more information. If you need a Recycler Flyer, ask one of the guys at the Recycle Center OR go to our website at [www.TownOfGreenfieldwi.org](http://www.TownOfGreenfieldwi.org) located in Recycle Center under Community

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| Tues. 10/27 | Recycle Center Open 4 – 7 PM                               |
| Sat. 10/31  | Recycle Center Open 8 AM – 1 PM<br>Happy Halloween         |
| Tues. 11/3  | ELECTION DAY 7 AM – 8 PM<br>Recycle Center Open 1 – 4 PM   |
| Sat. 11/7   | Recycle Center Open 8 AM – 1 PM                            |
| Tues. 11/10 | Recycle Center Open 1 – 4 PM                               |
| Wed. 11/11  | Town Budget & Levy Meeting 6 PM<br>Town Board Meeting 7 PM |
| Sat. 11/14  | Recycle Center Open 8 AM – 1 PM                            |
| Tues. 11/17 | Recycle Center Open 1 – 4 PM                               |
| Sat. 11/21  | Recycle Center Open 8 AM – 1 PM                            |
| Tues. 11/24 | Recycle Center Open 1 – 4 PM                               |
| Thur. 11/26 | Happy Thanksgiving Day                                     |

Postage

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