

**TOWN OFFICIALS**

Doug Wunderlich, Chairperson	850-8508
Tom Pluff, 1 <sup>st</sup> Supervisor	427-8881
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**Office Hours:** Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am – 1:00pm  
 Wed. 4pm – 6pm

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, **APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>**,  
**7 pm at the Dale Municipal Building.**

**PARK AND HALL RENTALS** can be made  
 by contacting Janette Laabs at 850-0800.

Forms for rentals are found on [www.townofdale.org](http://www.townofdale.org)  
 or can be picked up at the Municipal Office.

**BURNING PERMITS**

As of March 30, 2015, burning permits **will no longer be required**. If your campfire or yard waste fire gets out of control or is called in to 911 dispatch **you are responsible for the expenses of the fire run**.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

are required **before starting** any building or remodeling project with a total value of \$2,000 or more. This amount includes cost of material and cost of labor (even if you do your own work). Permits are available from Building Inspector, Jim Emmons at 779-6810.



**FIREWORKS COMMITTEE**

**Looking for contributors!**

The Town of Dale Fireworks Committee is hard at work for 2015 putting together the fireworks for the June 27<sup>th</sup> celebration. This year we are contracting a fireworks company out of Green Bay that does many of the large shows in the area. We are aggressively working with them to make the show this year the best fireworks ever in the Town of Dale.

The Town of Dale Fireworks Committee is asking business and property owners to consider making a donation to the Fireworks Fund. Some businesses and individuals do not want to be recognized for donating, but for those of you that do, you will get recognition on a banner hung under the big pavilion on the day of the event. The 2015 supporter categories are:

- Copper .....\$25.00
- Bronze.....\$50.00
- Silver.....\$75.00
- Gold.....\$100.00
- BIG BANG!.....\$500.00 or above

For those of you that want a little more **BANG** for your buck, we are offering **advertising for your substantial donation**. For every \$500 or above donation your business name or personal name will not only be on the banner, you will be added to our major sponsor list on the advertising posters. In addition, your name will be announced throughout the day and night as major contributors towards the Town of Dale Fireworks Show!

If you choose to make a voluntary donation: *(to be included in advertising, donations are needed by May 30th)*

Mail to:

Town of Dale Fireworks  
 P.O. Box 83  
 Dale, WI. 54931  
 Any questions call or text Chad Degal, 920-213-5324



**FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

Spring is finally here and for the first year in a long time, we are within our winter road budget. The past 2 winters, because of all the snow, cold, and ice, we were behind the eight ball before construction season started. When we budget for roads we are essentially taking an educated guess at snow removal expenses. If we run over, that extra money comes from other areas in the road budget. In the fall of 2014, salt prices were 75% higher than the previous year. We purchased our normal allotment of 150 tons and hoped for the best. The good news is we have in excess of 100 ton left in our bin. This will be a big help for next winter. I would like to thank our plow drivers and MCC Construction as well as Todd Johnson Concrete for their dedication to keeping our roads cleared and safe.

In the fall of 2014, when preparing our plowing equipment for the season, the Town board felt our 9 year old salter/plow truck was potentially going to face reliability issues. We found a new F550 plow truck with a Monroe plow and salter package, and were offered \$10,000 trade-in for our existing truck/salter. Instead, Supervisor Chad Degal put the truck on Craiglists and was able to get \$27,000 for the truck and salter. We then purchased the new truck/salter and feel it will serve the Town for many years to come.

Roadwork for 2015 will be a repave of School Rd – east of Cty M to the east Town Line. Because we bid the 2015 paving work in January, instead of later in the construction season, we feel that we received very favorable pricing. Northeast Asphalt will be doing the black top work for 2015.

We will also continue to patch areas of Depot and Cedar roads as needed. These roads experience low traffic volumes so do not justify a complete rebuild, but have areas that continue to break up. Other roads that have frost breakup and will be patched this spring are Greendale, Cloverleaf and Rabbit roads. We are also looking at some crack sealing on sections of Shakey Lake Rd and School Rd.

The new Kohler generator is installed at the Municipal Building. It was sized to run everything in the building,

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including the Fire Department Tanker Fill pump. The Fire Department made a significant contribution to the cost of this system through their fundraising efforts. In the event of a natural disaster we feel that this will give the community a place to come during an extended power outage.

The current board feels very strongly about paying as we go. We continue to be debt free. We have been able to do this while updating numerous aspects of our facilities, and park properties, without raising taxes. I do not see any major expenses on the horizon that should change this.

The board has also reappointed our Clerk – Jenny DeZeeuw and Treasurer – Tammy Plaski for another 3 year term. They have done a fantastic job in these roles, and we look forward to them being a part of the Town of Dale team for another 3 years.

Supervisor Tom Pluff has decided to move out of the Town and will not be seeking re-election. We thank him for his volunteer efforts and his service to the community as Town Supervisor.

In closing, I am honestly proud of where the Town of Dale is, and where we are heading. I urge everyone to get involved. Join a club like the Lions or Historical Society, join the Fire Department or First Responders, help at Park Work Day, volunteer at church, and VOTE. It is real easy to stay in your own yard and criticize the way things are, but it takes character to get involved and try to change the things you are complaining about.

Thank You,

Doug Wunderlich  
Town Chairperson

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Answers for many of your questions are available 24/7 on our website. Go to [www.TownOfDale.org](http://www.TownOfDale.org) for the latest information and schedules.

**DROP BOX**

Use the grey drop box located in the front of the Municipal Building for Dale Sanitary payments and any paperwork that needs to be delivered to town officials when the office is not open.

There is a separate drop box for flag retirement. Flags put in this box are disposed of according to U.S. law. Please use this box when you replace your flag.

**RECYCLING**

Recycling is picked up every other week on the same day as your garbage pickup unless you live west of Hwy T. Recycle pickup west of Hwy T is every other Tuesday.

All recycling should be placed on the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of pickup. If your recycling is not picked up please contact **Inland Co. at 920-759-0501**.

All recyclable plastic, glass, tin, aluminum and paper can be placed curbside mixed together in a reusable container. **Reusable containers must be between 15 and 33 gallons in size with handles on the outside of them and weigh less than 50 pounds. Containers must be marked with an Outagamie County Recycling Sticker.** Stickers are free and can be obtained at the Town of Dale Municipal Building or Outagamie County Division of Public Works.

**TOWN OF DALE RESIDENT MAILING ADDRESSES**

Residents in the Town of Dale can have one of four mailing addresses. If you have a Post Office Box at the Dale Post Office, your mailing address will be Dale, WI 54931. The other three mailing addresses are Fremont, WI 54940, Larsen, WI 54947 or Hortonville, WI 54944. These addresses are assigned according to the post office that services your rural delivery route. Regardless of which mailing address you have, you are still a **resident of the Town of Dale** and you will vote at the Dale Municipal Building.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Garbage is picked up weekly:

- **Mondays:** State Road 96, all roads South of State Road 96. Also, all roads west of Hwy T.
- **Tuesdays:** North of State Road 96 and east of Hwy T.
- There are a few exceptions. Refer to your neighbors or call Graichen Sanitation if you have questions about your pickup day.

Contact **Graichen Sanitation at 982-4116** to schedule pickup if you have old appliances or large items, if you need a 2<sup>nd</sup> garbage toter, or if your toter needs repair. If you have any problems with garbage pick-up you should contact Graichen Sanitation, or call the Town Clerk at 779-4609 if your issues are not resolved.

**Residents are asked to clean up their garbage on windy days. This helps keep the Town of Dale litter free.**

**Recycle Pickup Dates****2015**

Jan. 5, 6	Jul. 6, 7
Jan. 19, 20	Jul. 20, 21
Feb. 2, 3	Aug. 3, 4
Feb. 16, 17	Aug. 17, 18
Mar. 2, 3	Aug 31, Sep. 1
Mar. 16, 17	Sep. 14, 15
Mar. 30, 31	Sep. 28, 29
Apr. 13, 14	Oct. 12, 13
Apr. 27, 28	Oct. 26, 27
May 11, 12	Nov. 9, 10
May 25, 26	Nov. 23, 24
Jun. 8, 9	Dec. 7, 8
Jun. 22, 23	Dec. 21, 22

**SPRING ELECTION**

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

All residents vote at the Dale Municipal Building. Polls are open 7am – 8pm.

**DALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

If anyone has questions about the town's history, information about the town or pictures to share, please notify Todd Ward at 779-0747 or Cordell Schroeder at 779-6995

**DOG OWNERS****DID YOU GET YOUR DOG LICENSED?**

**Even if your dog never leaves your property**, dog licenses are required for all dogs age five months or older residing in Outagamie County. You are required to obtain the license by **March 31<sup>st</sup>** of each year. If you are licensing your dog for the first time or the certificate on file is expired, you must present proof of rabies vaccination (available from your veterinarian) when purchasing the license along with the proper fee. The fees for licenses are **\$5.00** for spayed or neutered dogs, and **\$10.00** for unspayed or unneutered dogs.

Write a **check** payable to the **Town of Dale**. Mail the proof of rabies vaccination, check, and stamped self-addressed envelope to Tammy Plaski, Town of Dale, P.O. Box 83, Dale, WI 54931.

A \$5.00 late fee is assessed after March 31st.

**Contact Information for Cemeteries  
in the Town of Dale****Dale Union Cemetery**

W9108 State Road 96  
Contact: Phillip Schlafer 920-739-2600

**South Medina Cemetery**

N695 Country Rd M  
Contact: Evelyn Ruppel 920-779-6649 or  
John Kelly 920-779-6769

**Pine Grove Cemetery**

Pine Grove Road  
Contact: Dan Zehner 920-277-4097

***FIREWORKS!***

*You are invited to attend the  
4th of July celebration*

***Saturday, June 27, 2015***

*All ages are welcome. Food, musical  
entertainment, fun activities, a spectacular  
fireworks display and more.*

*Please no carry-ins. See you there!*

**PARK WORK DAY**

For those who are new to the town, Park Work Day is held each year in May. This year's workday will be **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Residents help spruce up our parks by painting, cleaning, mulching and planting flowers. Work starts at 8:00 am in both Daufen Park in Dale and Armitage Park in Medina. Each volunteer is served lunch. Everyone is asked to participate in keeping our parks looking great.

**Park Work Day is a great way to become involved in the Town of Dale, meet new people and help make our parks something to be proud of.**



**CONSTABLES CORNER***Free Kittens is an Oxymoron*

An oxymoron is defined as two words that contradict each other. I cannot think of two words that are more contradictory than “Free Kittens” or a free pet unless it is a pet rock. I have had many pets; some initially, I did not have to pay for, but all my pets have cost money. Most people grossly underestimate the cost of pets. Pets also take time and emotional commitment, but in this newsletter, I am going to zero in on the financial responsibility of owning a household pet. I will also share some ways to save on costs, while still maintaining a high degree of care. Pets are a luxury. We all can choose our luxuries in life, and pets are worth choosing for some of us.

Some people already know that animals are expensive. Every year, Jeff, my husband, is invited to hobnob with fellow patent holders. Spouses are invited, so he takes me. For these particular events, I even clean my fingernails. I once found myself chatting with some executive about his forty-eight foot yacht. After enlightening me with all the ins and outs of yachting, out of politeness, he finally asked me what I did in my spare time. I always become hesitant when asked this question, but I replied, “I enjoy my dogs, cats, horses, sheep, chickens, ducks...” And before I finished my list, he exclaimed, “Isn’t that expensive?” I don’t remember my exact reply, but I’m sure it was polite; I think I even smiled due to the irony of his comment. Yes, pets are expensive, but so are yachts. Pets should only be added to our lives after much thought and planning, and financial planning is a major contingency.

For the past two years, I have kept an animal financial log. Everything is recorded: treats, toys, training classes, and health care. I follow the recommendations of my veterinarian, including spaying or neutering, providing preventative, flea, tick, and heartworm medications, and feeding my pets high quality food. To skimp or “cheap out” on doing the right thing now will inevitably cost more later on. My average cost per dog, per year was \$649.99. Owning one cat, for a year, was \$147.96. My costs are very minimal compared to some of the averages that professionals published on line.

However, I still maintain a “slush” fund squirreled away for emergencies. Fortunately, the last two years have been exceptionally good years with no major health issues, except for Lizzy, our Golden doodle, who had ACL surgery. Pets are the most expensive when there are health problems or emergencies. I love my animals, and I feel that I have been,

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and hope that I will always be able to balance the love with practicality. Someday my “slush” fund may allow me to choose life over euthanasia for a pet.

Simple ways I save money as a pet owner include the following: administering my own vaccinations (except rabies), using coupons, waiting for sales, doing my own grooming, buying in bulk, and buying used pet items. Pet owners can also save money by scheduling an appointment with FVHA low cost Vaccine Clinic. It is available for anyone. Affordable vaccinations are also available in the Fox Valley area through [www.healthypawsclinic.com](http://www.healthypawsclinic.com).

Hopefully, together we can dispel the myth of the free kitten. When acquiring a kitten or any pet, people should consider both the realistic financial and time commitments involved. Pet ownership is indeed an enormous obligation, but for animal people, the costs of pet ownership are far outweighed by the benefits of companionship, entertainment, loyalty, and love. Dogs and cats offer their human companions unconditional love; however, the lifelong care and commitment they deserve is far from free.

In closing, I would like to address an unrelated, yet equally important, topic. Please remember that it is illegal in Wisconsin to shoot cats. Cats are protected under state laws that prohibit cruelty to animals (951.02 WI State Statutes). While still far too many feral cats live in our area, many people are working hard to reduce their numbers. I want to extend a big thank you to the many Feral Cat Colony Owners in our town who are working at reducing feral cat numbers by utilizing the FREE Trap-Neuter-Return program at FVHA in association with PetSmart. All of our efforts are working!

As always, please call me if you have any animal related issues. Together we can help protect animals.

Sandy Gadamus  
Constable and Humane Officer

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

N848 Industrial Drive, Dale  
Phone: (920) 779-6705

**Food Pantry hours:**  
**Wed. Noon – 1:30 pm**  
**5:30 – 6:30 pm**

**Helping 2<sup>nd</sup> Hands hours:**  
**Wed. 10:00 am – 6:30 pm**

\*\* Donations always appreciated \*\*

## JULY PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

All property tax payments due in July **must be mailed** to the Outagamie County Treasurer. For an additional processing fee you can also pay online at [www.co.outagamie.wi.us](http://www.co.outagamie.wi.us) or by phone at 1-800-272-9829.



## DALE FIRE AND RESCUE

It's time for the Dale Fire and Rescue's **one and only fund-raising effort**. The drawing will be held on June 27, 2015 at Daufen Memorial Park after the Fireworks.

Two tickets will be mailed to town residents for a donation of \$10 each. Please do your best to return them. You could be one of this year's big winners!!

*Thank you to all of the residents who supported Dale Fire and Rescue last year.*

## MEDINA-DALE-READFIELD LIONS CLUB

We are a co-ed Lions Club established in 1966, with a current membership of 22. We raise money for and support worthy causes in our local communities.

See our facebook page or [townofdale.org/non-profit-groups](http://townofdale.org/non-profit-groups) for more information about joining our club and other upcoming events.

*Join Us for --*

### **BLANKET DAY**

to benefit Project Linus

DALE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9a-1p**

*Contact Diane Frank at 779-4970 for more information.*

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM



**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am**

Armitage Park, Medina

Program will include:

- American Legion Post 55 of Hortonville Honor and Color Guard
- Readings and songs by local residents

~~ Will be held rain or shine ~~

Contact Ann Ruppel at 779-6319 for more information

\*\* **Thank you** for supporting a Veteran Old Glory Honor Flight by purchasing the 'Thank You Veteran' signs last year.

\*\* We will have the signs for sale again this year. All proceeds going to the Old Glory Honor Flight program. Call Ann at 779-6319 to order your sign!!

## Dale Trailblazers Snowmobile Club

***Yes, there is a local snowmobile club!***

The Dale Trailblazers Snowmobile club has been in existence since 1968, we have 80 members and 45 miles of trails in the towns of Dale and Caledonia.

This year the DNR is introducing a new "TRAIL PASS REGISTRATION" system. You can find more information about this on our facebook page or at [townofdale.org/non-profit-groups](http://townofdale.org/non-profit-groups).

To find out more about becoming a member contact Chad Degal at [cdegal@gmail.com](mailto:cdegal@gmail.com) or 920-213-5324.

**THANK YOU to all landowners who allow our trails to cross your land.**

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COLLECTION

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 to Noon**

- ❖ Eyeglasses
- ❖ Hearing Aids
- ❖ Shower Chairs, Lift Chairs, Wheel Chairs
- ❖ Crutches, Canes, Walkers

Donated equipment is loaned to those in need of the items.

Sponsored by:



Medina–Dale–Readfield Lions Club

## FREE TIRE COLLECTION

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
8:00-Noon  
Dale Municipal Building  
(Residents Only - limit 4)



## COMPUTERS – ELECTRONICS – APPLIANCES RECYCLE

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 to Noon**  
**Dale Municipal Building**

### Electronics we will recycle for Free:

**CPU's - Printers - Speakers - Scanners - Fax Machines - Vacuum Cleaners - All Phones - Laptops - Turntables - Tape Players - CD Players - I-pods - VCR's - DVD Players - Electrical Saws -Drills - Calculators - UPS's - Paper Shredders - Coffee Machines - Heaters - Video Game systems - Cameras**

**Along with most other household electronics.**

### Electronics with recycling fees:

<b>All flat screen &amp; CRT Monitors:</b>	<b>\$20 Each</b>
<b>All Televisions (Call for quote):</b>	<b>\$20 to \$60 Each</b>
<b>Mini Fridges / Small AC Units:</b>	<b>\$20 Each</b>
<b>Dehumidifiers:</b>	<b>\$20 Each</b>
<b>Stoves/Washer/Dryers/Dishwashers:</b>	<b>\$25 Each</b>
<b>Microwaves:</b>	<b>\$10 Each</b>
<b>Hard Drive Destruction:</b>	<b>\$10 Each</b>
<b>Large Copy Machines:</b>	<b>\$15 Each</b>

**We will not be accepting refrigerators / freezers or light bulbs at this recycling event.**

**Event will be held rain or shine!**



Call RecycleThatStuff at (920) 955-3760 if you have questions about electronic recycling.