

# The Claytonite



## From the Desk of the Town Chairman

As I was preparing to write this article for our summer newsletter I struggled with what I wanted to say to all of you. Individuals have commented to me that past newsletters often seem to have the same information as previous newsletters. I can't disagree, as we try to communicate information to our residents that is beneficial and helpful as we coexist in our town. That being said, I decided that I would like to briefly discuss attitudes, courtesy and respect.

As I am sure you are all aware, when decisions are made by your town officials, whether it be by the Plan Commission, Green Space Committee, Town Board or the Town's staff, each and every decision, depending on the issue, has been researched and discussed at length before the decision is finalized. These discussions, decisions and plans often extend over many meetings, sometimes spanning over months and even years. All of the individuals serving in these various capacities attempt to make decisions that are best for the entire Town of Clayton and not just any one individual. We each have our own opinions, life experiences, education, and ideas that we bring to these discussions. I believe we all have the same goal - to make wise and intelligent policies, ordinances, or procedural decisions. The responsibility then falls to our Town's staff to put into place the established policies, procedures and ordinances and to enforce them.

Here is where the potential conflict arises. Each and every resident also has their own opinions, life experiences, education, and ideas. They don't always mesh or agree with decisions made by the Town's officials. The disagreement often arises because the policy or ordinance may not have a positive effect on what the individual resident desires to do with their

specific property. That is when the resident has the right to question and express their concerns either to the Town staff or to their elected officials. This process is evident in all areas of our lives whether it is with our family, our place of employment, organizations that we belong to, or with our Town government.

One thing that appears to have deteriorated in our society today is the lack of respect and courtesy when there is a disagreement between individuals or groups. You see it all over the news every day; people yelling, screaming, shaking their fists, and sometimes resorting to violence. I find these actions to be completely unacceptable. As your Town Chairperson, I fully expect everyone who works and serves the Town to be respectful in their communications with our residents. I also believe this respect needs to go both ways.

To those of our residents who have always communicated in a courteous and respectful manner, I thank you. For those residents who reflect on past interactions and realize that you may not have always done the same, I respectfully request that in the future when addressing your concerns to our Town's staff and officials please remember to be civil, courteous, and respectful in your interactions and communications. I understand that you will not always agree with the outcome of our discussions and decisions, but if we all try to be courteous and communicate with respect to each other we will make our small part of the world just a little bit better. As I said before, the individuals that are serving the Town of Clayton are working very hard to make the best decisions for the health and well-being of all of our residents.

I hope everyone has a wonderful end to their summer!

-Mark

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### Important Dates

09/02 Labor Day (Office closed)



## A Message From the Clayton-Winchester Joint Fire Department



### Yard Waste Site

The yard waste site continues to stay open with the following hours:

Thursdays: 3pm-7pm

Saturday: 8am-4pm

Sunday: Noon-4pm

(Except Holidays)

**Town of Clayton  
Residents ONLY!**

No hazardous waste or appliances are accepted

Located near the corner of  
Hickory & County Rd II

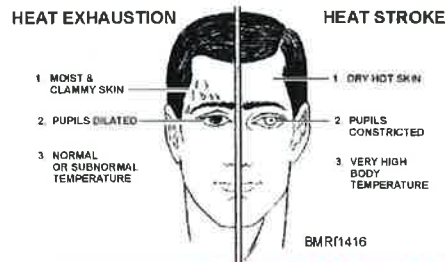


### **Know the Difference between Heat Stroke and Heat Exhaustion**

As summers continue to get hotter and hotter each year, and as more people decide to work and play outside, the incidents of heat stroke and heat exhaustion are becoming more prevalent. Do you know the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke?

**Heat exhaustion** comes from dehydration and can lead to the potentially fatal heat stroke. When you get too hot the body's reaction is to sweat for temperature control. Not replenishing these lost fluids properly can lead to more extreme heat exhaustion or even heat stroke. Signs of Heat Exhaustion include: Thirst, Nausea, Vomiting, Pale moist cool skin, Rapid breathing or panting, Weakness, Lightheadedness, Headache, Profuse sweating, and Muscle cramps. If you suspect someone has heat exhaustion have them get into the shade or into an air conditioned location and elevate their feet a bit. Try to cool them down via cool compresses, especially on the neck and under the arms. Replenishing water without gorging is the key so have them drink a cup of water every 15 minutes. If they continue to show signs of heat exhaustion and aren't improving, seek a doctor's help.

**Heat stroke** is where the body's ability to cool itself by sweating is shut down. All temperature control is removed and the body overheats. Much like a car overheating the body cannot work properly without a proper cooling system. Heat stroke can be fatal, and can make its sufferer slip into a coma if not treated. Signs of Heat Stroke include: Fever, Irritability, Dry hot red skin, Confusion, No longer sweating, Fainting, Rapid but shallow breathing, Rapid but weak pulse, and Seizures. If you suspect someone has heat stroke and not just heat exhaustion, call 911 immediately. Follow the steps of treatment for heat exhaustion while the person is conscious and while you wait for emergency personnel to get there.



## Lawn & Weed Notices

**ALL SUBDIVISION LOTS MUST BE MOWED AND MAINTAINED AT A HEIGHT OF NO MORE THAN 10 INCHES TALL.** If the office receives notice of lots that aren't following this ordinance, the lot owner will receive what we call a "weed notice". This letter gives them 10 days to mow the lot properly otherwise the Town will mow it and invoice the owner. The invoice will be at net 10 days and if unpaid will be added to your 2013 tax bill. Please help us in keeping the Town of Clayton an attractive community to live in.





## Road to Progress is a Public One



By Dick Knapinski  
Plan Commission Chairman

There are few items in Town government that receive as much attention as roads. We pave them, plow them, patch them, stripe them, and monitor them on a regular

basis. While most of those duties are handled by the Town Board and public works staff, the Plan Commission contributes as to where the roads are and how they are constructed and maintained.

As your Plan Commission looks at roads in new projects or in relation to land use, there are some points to consider. One is the location of roads in the town. For many of the main thoroughfares in Clayton, those roads have been long established. Most of them are straight in an east-west or north-south direction. It is from that established grid that all our other roads are set.

Clayton does have an official road map. It is another tool, along with our zoning, land use, and Green Space maps, to consider development in an orderly and consistent manner.

While there are some established private roads in the Town

of Clayton, the Plan Commission today discourages new ones. Why? Private roads are typically not built to Town standards, create difficulties with addresses and fire numbers, and often become a source of conflict if multiple landowners on the road disagree on its maintenance.

The Town also has rigorous road construction standards. Those evolved because it's better to build the road right the first time than to have to return five or 10 years later and do it again. Many of us can think of examples of past roads that didn't hold up because they didn't meet those standards in the past.

In new developments, the Town does require at least two road entrances. If one entrance is blocked for any reason, a second one allows for safety vehicles to come in or residents to get out.

Roads are one of those silent infrastructure items in our Town. We usually don't think about them unless there's a problem. Our role on the Plan Commission, when considering roads, is to make sure new roads are safe and efficient.



## Winnebago County Health Department Reports First Birds in 2013 with *West Nile Virus*



Oshkosh WI - The Winnebago County Health Department reports 2 dead crows found in the City of Neenah, Winnebago County have tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). These are the first birds testing positive for West Nile Virus in Winnebago County since surveillance for the mosquito-transmitted virus began May 1, 2013. Several counties in Wisconsin have reported WNV positive birds and the first human case of WNV this year has been reported in Dane County.

"Winnebago County residents need to be vigilant in their personal protective measures to prevent mosquito bites," according to Health Officer Doug Gieryn. West Nile Virus is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes get the virus by feeding on infected birds.

"County residents should be aware of West Nile Virus and take some simple steps to protect themselves against mosquito bites," Health Officer Gieryn noted. "The best way to avoid the disease is to reduce exposure to and eliminate breeding grounds for mosquitoes."

The Winnebago County Health Department recommends the following:

- Maintain window screens in good repair to decrease indoor contact with mosquitoes

- Avoid being outside during times of high mosquito activity, specifically around dawn and dusk
- Wear light colored protective clothing such as long pants, loose-fitting long-sleeved shirts and tuck pants in socks when outdoors
- When outdoors, consider using an effective mosquito repellent containing an active ingredient registered by the EPA, such as DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- Do not provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes—remove containers, old tires and any objects where water can collect and mosquitoes can lay eggs.

The majority of people (80%) who are infected with West Nile Virus do not get sick. Those who do become ill usually experience mild symptoms such as fever, headache, or rash. Less than 1% of people infected with the virus get seriously ill.

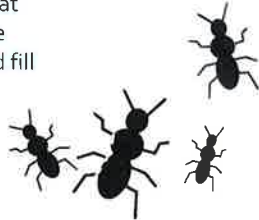
Winnebago County in cooperation with the Wisconsin Division of Public Health will continue surveillance for West Nile virus until the end of the mosquito season. Testing of birds will be discontinued in Winnebago County for the remainder of this season, but reports of sick or dead crows, blue jays, or ravens should still be reported. **To report a sick or dead crow, blue jay, or raven, please call the Dead Bird Reporting Hotline at 1-800-433-1610.**



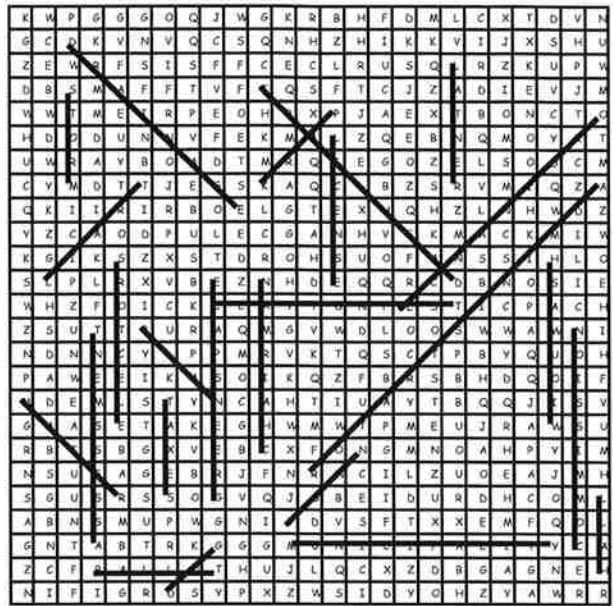
## Clayton Park Rentals

The beautiful weather isn't going away yet, and there is still time for that outdoor gathering you've been wanting to plan! Dates are still available thru October 31st to rent the Clayton Park pavilion. The rental gives you access to horseshoes, a volleyball net, and other fun activities; plus you will have full use of the restrooms and kitchen area for all of your food serving needs. Give us a call at the Town Office for available dates or stop in to see us and fill out an application.

Rental Fee—\$80 per day  
Security Deposit—\$100  
(refundable)



## Spring Word Search Answer Key



## Invasive Plants Taking Root in Wisconsin Soils

*There are many non-native plants that are invading Wisconsin's forests, grasslands, wetlands, lakes and rivers. Invasive plants can quickly take over an area and disrupt wildlife habitat, alter ecosystems and create financial difficulties to land owners and conservationists.*

Shrubs such as buckthorn and honeysuckle prevent the regeneration of young trees in our public and private forests. A European garden herb called garlic mustard can completely take over a woodland floor in one to two growing seasons, stealing the sunlight from native wildflowers. Garlic mustard is also suspected to secrete a chemical that inhibits plant growth. Purple loosestrife, which spreads mostly by seed, is invading Wisconsin wetlands and waterways.

Due to the growing concern and increased awareness of invasive plants, Wisconsin legislature has taken measures to control the spread of native species and educate the public about the growing problem. In 2001 the State legislature directed the

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Wisconsin DNR to create a state-wide program to help identify, classify and eliminate invasive species in Wisconsin. By 2004, the Wisconsin Council on Invasive Species formed to assist the DNR.

In September, 2009, the DNR created Wisconsin's Invasive Species Identification, Classification and Control Rule, that helps citizens learn to identify and reduce the spread of Invasive species. Most recently Wisconsin legislation has taken action on proper disposal of the invasive plants once found and removed from a site.

Although composting invasive plants is the preferred method of disposal, other disposal options are necessary especially if the plant's seed head has formed. The Wisconsin law that bans yard waste from landfill disposal now contains an exception to the ban. The limited exception allows for the disposal of plants that are classified by the DNR as invasive species. These plants may be disposed of in landfills if separated from other yard materials that are subject to the dis-

posal ban. The DNR recommends bagging the invasive plants in clear plastic bags and labeling the bags as such.

For a list of common invasive plants please e-mail the Solid Waste Office at [Recycle@co.outagamie.wi.us](mailto:Recycle@co.outagamie.wi.us) or call 920-968-5721 and a colored guide will be mailed to you.

**BUCKTHORN**



**PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE**



**GARLIC MUSTARD**





# Yard Work - Summer Newsletter Puzzle

Spring is in the air! Peter and four of his friends decided to make the best of the warm weather to earn some money for their summertime projects. They each chose a street in their respective neighborhoods and went from house to house offering to do yard work. Determine the full name of each boy, the street name each chose to work on, the number of homes each boy worked for, and how much money each boy earned.

1. Craig, whose last name isn't Smith, did yard work for the most homes, a total of seven. The boy who covered Marsh Street did yard work for the least, only three homes.
2. The boy whose last name is Miller made less than the boy who worked on Prescott Street and \$10 more than the boy who worked for five homes.
3. Larry, whose last name isn't Smith, made \$5 less than the boy who worked on Spring Street.
4. The boy who worked on Apple Lane made \$25, the least amount. The boy who made the most, \$55, worked for six homes.
5. The following list orders the boys from the least amount of money collected to the most amount collected: Bill, the boy whose last name is Jones, the boy who worked for five homes, the boy who worked on Forest Road, the boy whose last name is West.
6. Peter worked for two more homes than did the boy whose last name is Grant.
7. Greg made \$10 less than the boy who worked on Forest Road.

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First name	Last name	Street name	# of Houses	Amount Earned



## Looking for Pictures!

We are trying to find photos of all the past Town Board Chairmen in order to complete a project in the Town Meeting Room. We currently only have photos of Mark Luebke, Arden Schroeder, Robert Grundman, Frank Metzgi, & Julius Roablee. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Jenna at the Town Office with any information.  
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or  
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## Meet Your Town Representatives! - Green Space Committee -

To raise awareness and possible interests in Town-related matters, a Town Representative will be introduced in each newsletter going forward. If you want to know more about these committees, please take a peek at our website ([www.townofclayton.gov](http://www.townofclayton.gov))



Meet David (Dave) Dorow! Dave has been a resident in the Town of Clayton for 7 ½ years and has served on the Green Space Committee for 4 consecutive years.

Dave is a Master Electrician and works in Facilities Management. He has been married for 19 years with two children (15-year old daughter, 13-year old son).

**Personal Hobbies:** Coaching baseball and softball, hunting, fishing, Packer & Badger football, and just the outdoors and sports in general

**Personal Topics of Interest pertaining to the Green Space**

**Committee:** Ball diamonds at Clayton Park

**Future Goals for the Green Space Committee:** "Before I joined the committee there was talk of a possible sports complex. I hope this will someday become a reality and that I will be a part of it. Sports are important to a child's growth and a quality complex is the starting point"

**What should the Town residents know about the Green Space Committee?:** "Our work is the backbone to the parks and trails. What we do might seem minor, but it is vital to the growth and development of the park and trail system"

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