



Town of Sharon News

6704 State Hwy 66 Custer, WI 54423

Spring 2021



APPLIANCE RECYCLING DAY
Saturday, May 15, 2021
Town of Sharon Garage 1721 Grader Lane
off Hwy 66, west of Polonia
8AM to 2PM



APPLIANCES & OTHER ITEMS

Items below are FREE

- Bicycles
- Washers
- Dryers
- Microwaves
- Dishwashers
- Water Heaters
- Auto/Truck Batteries
- Lawn Mowers
- Anything metal
- Computers, laptops and like electronics



Freon Fees

- Freezers \$15.00
- Dehumidifiers \$15.00
- Refrigerators \$15.00
- Air Conditioners \$15.00

(if any of the above appliances do not contain Freon, they are free)

Computer Monitors and TVs 46 cents per lb.

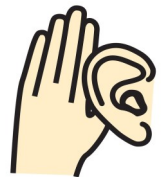
Tires

- Car tires \$5.00 each
- Pickup tires \$5.00 each
- Semi tires \$20.00 each
- Loader/skidder, Tractor, or large implement tires \$25.00

Any clean up at your property (large items like autos, etc.) ask at site for pricing. No paper, plastics, wood, furniture or items like these as these are land fill items. For special disposal needs, call the Portage County Transfer Facility at 715-343-6297.

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW ?

The Wisconsin Lions Foundation has a hearing aid receptacle in the town hall lobby. They are accepting any used or old hearing aids no longer needed. The town hall also has a drop box as an alternative. I would recommend them placed in a safe container to avoid damage.



CAN YOU HELP OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD SEE?

The Wisconsin Lions Foundation has a receptacle for used prescription eyeglasses/sunglasses in the town hall lobby. The most usable glasses are those with intact frames and undamaged lenses. Lenses without frames are not used, eyeglass cases may or may not be used, but may help avoid damage in transit. On average, 800,000 used glasses are received each year. The need is great. There are millions of people in the world that need eyeglasses to see clearly. By age 40, 90% of adults experience a decrease in the ability to read print and need eyeglasses. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



HARTER'S FOX VALLEY DISPOSAL GARBAGE/RECYCLING

I want to hear from you, whether it is a complaint, comment or compliment regarding our contract with Harter's. If you have had your garbage/recycling missed—I want to know about it. I am retaining a log & the only way I have leverage is when I have supporting info.. Please call the office at 715-592-6600.

ATV/UTV ORDINANCE #02-2020

On June 9, 2020, the ATV/UTV ordinance was adopted & was effective on July 3, 2020. The ordinance contains rules & restrictions to keep riders & residents safe. We encourage residents to provide feedback & share their experiences. Residents can call our office or email (townofsharon@outlook.com). ATV/UTV users are expected to be aware of the ordinance in our town & adhere to the laws & requirements as written by the state & town. If all road users do their part, we will all have a safe, respectful & enjoyable experience on Town of Sharon roads.

NOTE FROM PAM FILTZ

Hi, My name is Pam Filtz and I am your new Town of Sharon Clerk/Treasurer. I grew up in the Town of Sharon near Twin Lakes and attended school in Rosholt. Many of you may know my parents, Arnie & Theresa Filtz. I have three beautiful daughters, whom I enjoy spending time with boating in the summer, working out at the gym and just hanging out together. I served as the Town of Alban Clerk/Treasurer for 12 years and then as the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer there for another two years. So, while I have experience as a Clerk/Treasurer, I am looking forward to getting to know the residents in the Town of Sharon. I understand the importance of community involvement, working together and I am looking forward to assisting you as your Clerk/Treasurer.

TOWN OF SHARON OFFICE HOURS CHANGING

In an effort to offer variety & flexibility, on **April 26, 2021**, the town hall office will be revamping the office hours:

MONDAY	4:30– 7:30 PM
TUESDAY	4:30—7:30 PM by appointment only
WEDNESDAY	9AM-3PM and 4:30-7:30 PM
THURSDAY	4:30-7:30 PM by appointment only
SATURDAY	8AM-NOON 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month

The clerk/treasurer will also be working extra hours from home as needed. The hours are not etched in stone & know that you are able to call the clerk/treasurer at: 715-321-6201 to set up an appointment.

SHARON EMS (Emergency Management System) NEWS

Our Sharon EMS (aka Town of Sharon first responders) have invested in a new Lucas device. This Lucas device is an easy to use mechanical chest compression device that helps lifesaving teams around the world deliver high quality, consistent chest compressions to sudden cardiac arrest patients; in the field, on the move & in the hospital. This machine comes with a hefty price, but what is the price to save a life? Our Sharon EMS for the past few years have been sharing this machine owned by the Rosholt EMS & have decided to purchase their own at a cost of \$18,500. With the help of local businesses, the donations to date have been generous during this trying time. If they are fortunate to receive donations in excess, the reserve funds will be used for future expenses at the discretion of the Sharon EMS to purchase safety equipment for the community, such as AED's (automated external defibrillator). If you are able to make a donation of any monetary amount, please make out a check & mail to: Town of Sharon EMS PO Box 127 Rosholt, WI 54473. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

**RESULTS FROM THE SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION
APRIL 6, 2021**

Total Town of Sharon registered voters—**1582**
Total number of voters— **537 or 34%**

State Superintendent: Jill Underly– 277
Deborah Kerr– 235 Write in- 0
Town of Sharon Chair: Jeff Check– 339 Patrick Wanserski– 169
Town of Sharon Supervisors: Curtis Gagas– 407 Bill Gibbs– 315 Write in– 3
Town of Sharon Clerk/Treasurer: Pam Filtz– 382 Write in– 1
Rosholt School Board Members: Shawn Cychosz– 200 Steph Burclaw– 69
Write in-0
Stevens Point School Board Members: Meg Erler– 92 Robert Larson– 76
Ed Morganroth Jr– 33 Judy Rannow– 58 W Alexander Sommers– 116
Mike Wade– 67 Write in– 7
Referendum: YES- 361 NO– 124



OUTDOOR DROP BOX FOR TOWN BUSINESS

In July 2020, the town purchased a locked outdoor drop box. This drop box is secured to the cement slab and is conveniently located at the town hall entrance. It provides you with an opportunity to drop off dog/driveway/weight limit permits, invoices, election ballots, any payments due the town, basically anything that you would mail or bring in person can be deposited at any time. The drop box was made in the USA with galvanized steel, has a front locking access door with commercial grade coat to resist rust. It is open for business. The town also has a security light for night drop off. We believe this asset will meet our needs today and in the future.

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT ????

Upon reaching five months of age, all dogs must be licensed and have an active rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian. Please remember that all dog licenses expire on December 31 of each year.. Your dog is not licensed for the current year until you apply for it. State Laws and Portage County Ordinance require that all dogs are to be vaccinated and licensed.



You may license your dog via mail or at the Town Hall office. A spayed or neutered dog is \$12.00 and dogs that are not spayed or neutered cost \$22.00. If you no longer have a dog that was licensed previously, please call the town office. Any person having custody or ownership of a dog shall promptly remove & dispose of any excrement left or deposited by the animal upon public or private property of others.

REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY TAX INFO PART III

Below is a comparison of our Town of Sharon Real Estate and Personal Property Tax between 2018, 2019 and 2020 based on what we supplied to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

	2018 GENL PROP TAXES		2019 GENL PROP TAXES		2020 GENL PROP TAXES	
Amt paid to Portage County	1,054,727.31	29.6%	1,088,621.56	28.5%	1,184,166.22	29.4%
Amt paid to Town of Sharon	519,310.00	14.6%	599,298.00	15.7%	586,187.00	14.55%
Amt paid to Rosholt School District	969,152.69	27.2%	1,010,265.24	26.4%	1,113,150.02	27.6%
Amt paid to Stevens Point School District	801,327.29	22.4%	894,703.72	23.4%	899,266.14	22.3%
Amt paid to Mid State Tech College	91,516.93	2.6%	96,962.75	2.5%	103,847.67	2.58%
Amt paid to North Central Tech College	129,770.84	3.6%	135,151.70	3.5%	143,884.67	3.57%
	\$3,565,804.44	100%	\$3,825,002.97	100%	\$4,030,495.72	100%

Here we are again—divvying up the loot. As we compare the numbers—keep in mind your town receives \$145.50 for every \$1000 of taxes taken in. How does the town spread the money? Here’s a brief summation on that loaded question. Very carefully The following info was provided from our annual audit:

- Garbage & recycling: **\$140,881**
- Public Safety (fire protection & first responders): **\$101,557**
- Highway & streets (maintenance/improvement of town roads & equipment): **\$227,198**
- Debt Service (aka loans): **\$170,457**
- Full & part time workers wages: **\$121,289**
- General Gov’t (town board, clerk/treas, elections, assessor, audit, muni bldg & insurance): **\$132,275**
- Polonia street lights: **\$7,020**
- Animal control (Humane society): **\$3,825**
- Plan Commission & Jacqueline Lake District: **\$2,407**

When you add all the above annual fees, it comes up to **\$906,909**. That number is what we paid in 2020. Compare that number to our property tax allowance (\$586,187), are we underachievers or are we over-achievers? The town was fortunate to receive Federal aid (\$18,783) along with intergovernmental revenue (\$255,294) to help. What I’m trying to say is, your property taxes did not increase due to our spending.

FREE NITRATE SCREENING

A free nitrate screening will be held on **Wednesday, June 9, 2021**. The session will be open from 9am—3pm at the town hall building. Anyone who resides in or around the Town of Sharon are invited to bring in a water sample (1/2 cup water in a clean container with lid), and label the outside with your name and address. Your water sample should NOT be connected to a treatment source. An outside faucet works best. Allow the water to run 5-10 minutes before collecting your sample. Drop off the water sample & place in the cooler. Your samples will be picked up that day and results will be mailed to you. The Portage County Land and Water Conservation Department will be providing this service. Mark your calendars.

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Mailing Address Line 1
Mailing Address Line 2
Mailing Address Line 3
Mailing Address Line 4
Mailing Address Line 5

ATTENTION:
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ENCLOSED

WHICH “1-1” NUMBER DO I CALL?

211- Connecting people to resources: Dial 211 for “free” & confidential crisis & emergency counseling, disaster assistance, food, health care & insurance assistance, stable housing, utilities payment assistance, employment services, veteran services & childcare & family services.

411- Directory assistance: When you call an operator to request a telephone number.

511- Non-emergency vehicle assistance: Dial 511 and say “Motorist Aid.” If you do not have your cell phone, you can use the freeway call box. During “Free Service Patrol” (FSP) service hours, your request for non-emergency assistance will be forwarded to FSP, & a truck will be instructed to assist when it is available.

611- Connection with a wireless provider: The number 611 is reserved in the U.S. & Canada for an immediate connection with a wireless provider. The call is free & it is a convenient way to check on a bill or inquire about other wireless services provided by a telephone carrier.

711- Telecommunication Relay Service: The number 711 is a relay number for every state in this country. When a TTY (TeleTypewriter) caller or a non TTY user calls the relay number, the operator will dial the number they wish to contact & relay the messages between the two parties, using voice & TTY. (This functionality is specially built to assist deaf & hearing impaired individuals. Today, many smartphones have the ability to connect to TTY devices that allow hearing-impaired people to communicate with others using a TTY device).

811- Digging, trenching, drilling or grading: We refer to this as digger’s hotline. When planning a project which involves digging, trenching, drilling or grading, state law requires you to call 811 at least 3 days before beginning the project. Your local utility will locate & mark the underground utility lines. When digging, try to stay at least 18 inches away from the marked lines. Hand digging with extreme caution is required within the 18 inch tolerance zone.

911- EMERGENCY ONLY

PORTAGE COUNTY ORDINANCE REGARDING INOPERABLE/UNLICENSED VEHICLES

While we are looking forward to warmer weather & spending more time outside, please keep in mind that under 7.1.6.10 of the Portage County Zoning Ordinance states “only ONE inoperable AND/OR unlicensed motor vehicle is allowed to be stored in the open.” Please contact a salvage yard business that can accept these vehicles as well as other items. Let’s all do our part to maintain a pleasant view for visitors & neighbors while traveling in our township.

Town of Sharon Board monthly meetings—second Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Town Plan Commission monthly meetings - first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. (if needed)

