



*1st Town in Brown County*

## FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER

### ***NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN***

The fall season is here and with it comes the reminder to drive carefully to keep our residents and children safe. School activities increase pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Please keep our most precious resources safe. We continue to experience housing growth at a rapid rate. New home construction during the last four years includes the following:

2013: 49 new homes

2014: 48 new homes

2015: 74 new homes

2016: 58 new homes to date!



Dr. Lanny J. Tibaldo, Town Chairman

This growth forces us to examine our services and equipment needs. On Monday, October 24, 2016 at 6:30pm, at the Town Hall, 2400 Shady Court, De Pere, WI, a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed 2017 budget for the Town of Lawrence will be held. The proposed budget details are available for inspection at the town clerk's office located at the Town Hall between the hours of 8:00am -4:00pm Monday thru Friday. The Town Board is considering raising the mill rate \$0.05-\$0.07. The mill rate increase is necessary to increase current staffing levels for the Hobart Lawrence Police Department. The Town's population is 4,973 and our assessed value is in excess of \$500,000,000. The Town continues to seek business and industrial expansion to balance the municipal growth patterns. Lawrence is a vibrant, growing community.

New businesses include Paper Transport, Inc. and Kwik Trip. Kwik Trip has purchased the BP station on County Road S and property on Scheuring Road. Several storage units have also been constructed. We are reviewing expansions and additions of many businesses throughout the Town. New business development is crucial for balanced growth and financial security. The Town is also upgrading our transportation infrastructure with the current resurfacing project of Williams Grant Drive from County Road S to Mid Valley Drive. The Brown County Highway Department has resurfaced Lost Dauphin Road (County Road D) in the northern portion and Scheuring Road (County Road F) from Quarry Park Drive to Williams Grant Drive. Additional money from state and federal funding would be an asset in road and bridge upgrades.

This fall, the Town will be installing new playground equipment and upgrading existing equipment with a value of \$61,500 at Quarry Park. These improvements were financed with a portion of new residential construction building permits. Our children need safe, fun places to play and the Town is working diligently to provide them. Other future recreation sites and trails will be studied.

The Town is currently studying the needs of our Hobart-Lawrence Police Department and Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department. Future growth necessitates additional staff and equipment to provide safe and effective services. A police study has been completed and is under review by both municipal boards. The Town will be studying the Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department needs as we transition to future growth. Our protective services staff has been actively involved in our community. We appreciate the outstanding service provided by both departments. Keeping our services updated and our community a safe place to live are essential!

The Lawrence Town Board and staff would like to take this opportunity to thank residents for their support! A safe, progressive community demands the efforts of everyone. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Dr. Lanny J. Tibaldo, Town Chairman

# ***ELECTIONS:***

## ***Who Is on the Ballot?***

- 1) Fall General Election November 8, 2016 polls open 7:00 am – 8:00pm:  
Federal Office: President, Senator, Representative in Congress  
State Offices: State Senators, Representatives to the Assembly  
County Offices: District Attorney, County Clerk, County Treasurer,  
Register of Deeds



## ***Voter Photo ID Required***

The U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed the photo ID provisions of 2011 Wisconsin Act 23. A photo ID is now required to receive a ballot in all special and regular elections.

## ***VOTER Registration Information***

If you have had a name change, address change, or you are a new voter in the State of Wisconsin, you will need to complete a new registration form. A registration form can be completed online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/> and filed with the clerk **by mail** until October 19, 2016. After October 19, 2016, registration will need to be completed in the clerk's office with proof of residence.

**Proof of residence includes the following items (a complete list can be found at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)):**

1. A current and valid Wisconsin driver license.
2. A current and valid Wisconsin identification card.
3. Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.
4. A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.
5. A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day. (Not for first-time voters registering by mail).
6. A utility bill (gas, electric, phone, etc.) for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day. Statements printed from the internet are acceptable.
7. A bank statement. Statements printed from the internet are acceptable.
8. A paycheck.

## ***Absentee Ballots***

Absentee ballots can be requested by completing the "Wisconsin Application for Absentee Ballot" by mail or in person. The form can be found at [www.townoflawrence.org](http://www.townoflawrence.org) under the "News" section or in the clerk's office. In-Person Absentee voting will start on September 26, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. On October 24, 2016, In-Person Absentee voting will be offered from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and conclude on November 4, 2016.

\*\*\***NO** voting is allowed on Monday, November 7, 2016\*\*\*\*\*

## ***2017 Election Year***

Beginning on December 1, 2016, nomination papers may be circulated for the following local municipal offices in the Town of Lawrence:

### **Town Chairperson and Town Supervisor (2 positions)**

By running for public office, you help sustain the democracy envisioned by our country's founders. They created a unique system that put governing in the hands of the people. This astonishing system works because people like you have the courage and determination to run for and hold public office. Serving in public office provides the opportunity to use your skills, talents, and experience to be a creative force for positive change in your community.

To obtain more information, please visit the Town Board Home Page at [www.townoflawrence.org](http://www.townoflawrence.org) or call the Town Clerk, Jennifer Messerschmidt at 920-347-3712.

## ***PUBLIC WORKS***

### **\*\*\*Dumping grass clippings in ditches and vacant lots is prohibited\*\*\***

**REMINDER:** The Town Yard Waste Facility will accept grass clippings, leaves, garden waste material, and brush. The facility is available for Town of Lawrence residents only. Please obtain a window sticker from the Town Office prior to use of the facility. The Town Yard Waste Facility is located behind the Fire Department. Other materials such as landscaping timbers, construction materials, concrete, and stumps may be brought to Daanen & Janssen's Quarry located at 1792 Scray Hill Road, De Pere, WI 54115 for a fee. The Yard Waste Facility is monitored by video surveillance cameras.



## ***GARBAGE & RECYCLING***

### **GARBAGE**

General household waste is not recyclable. Garbage will be collected from each address once weekly. Garbage must be placed at curbside no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before collection, and no later than 6:00 a.m. on your collection day. When placing multiple containers, keep at least four (4) feet between carts.



### **RECYCLING**

Recyclables are collected every other week on your normal garbage day. Recycling carts placed out on the wrong week will not be collected. Recycling must be disposed of in your cart with a Blue lid. Placing all accepted recycling items in this one cart is known as Single Stream Recycling. If you need to receive new, replace or request repair on either of your carts, please call the Town at 920-336-9131.

### **2016 Recycling Schedule**

*Please have your trash & recycling to the street by 6:00 a.m. on Monday mornings*

October 3	October 17	October 31	December 12	December 27
November 14	November 28			

### **2017 Recycling Schedule**

January 9, 2017	January 23, 2017		July 10, 2017	July 24, 2017	
February 6, 2017	February 20, 2017		August 7, 2017	August 21, 2017	
March 6, 2017	March 20, 2017		September 5, 2017	September 18, 2017	
April 3, 2017	April 17, 2017		October 2, 2017	October 16, 2017	October 30, 2017
May 1, 2017	May 15, 2017	May 30, 2017	November 13, 2017	November 27, 2017	
June 12, 2017	June 26, 2017		December 11, 2017	December 26, 2017	

**Town Board Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the Town Hall beginning at 6:30PM. All residents are welcomed.**



## ***FALL YARD MAINTENANCE***

### **What Should I Do With My Leaves?**

Chop your leaves before composting or mulching with a hoe, shovel, or power mower to help them decompose more quickly.

#### **Compost**

Leaves make an excellent addition to any compost pile.

#### **Mulch**

Leaves are rich in carbon, phosphorus, and potassium — all essential nutrients needed by plants. Spread autumn leaves over your garden and around the bases of bushes, trees, and perennials. During the winter, leaves minimize the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil which often damages plant roots. Pine needles and oak leaves make a good mulch for acid-loving perennials like rhododendrons, lilies of the valley, blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, spruces, yews, butterfly weed and cardinal flowers.



## ***SNOWPLOWING***

The Winter season will be here once again. There shall be no overnight parking on any town roads between the hours of 2:00am and 6:00am from November 1 thru March 31. **Please remember not to transfer snow from your driveway to the roadway or road right-of-way. You could receive a citation if you place snow from your property onto the roads or right-of-way.** If you live near a fire hydrant and are able to shovel around the hydrant, please do so. The town staff is limited and does not always have the time to get to all the hydrants. If you can help out and shovel around the hydrant in your neighborhood, it would be very much appreciated.

**Mailboxes:** Operators are instructed to be very cautious near mailboxes. In most cases, a properly installed mailbox will permit a snowplow to clear the snow underneath. Most cases of damaged mailboxes are caused by heavy snow hitting the box. Mailboxes are seldom hit by the plow. The Town of Lawrence shall replace only mailboxes hit by the plow. Special decorative mailboxes and/or post will not be provided. If the owner wishes to install a decorative mailbox and/or post that meet standards, it shall be at the owner's expense. Brick or stone around mail boxes is against the town ordinance. Do not place masonry materials around mail boxes.

**Garbage and Recycling Cart Placement:** During winter months, garbage or collectable recyclables shall be placed in the driveway apron or on an adjacent area to the curb line which has been shoveled free of snow.

## **CHRISTMAS TREES**



Again this year real Christmas trees will be accepted at the Town Yard Waste Drop-off Facility located at 2400 Shady Court. The trees will be transferred to a bird farm in the town and used for nesting and bird cover during the winter months. Please remove all tinsel, wires, ornaments, hooks and tree stands. **Please do not discard your tree at curbside. The trash hauler will not pick up Christmas Trees.**



## ***BUILDING INSPECTION***

Are you interested in serving your community? The Town of Lawrence is looking for a resident to serve as a new member on the Board of Appeals. Please contact Scott Beining at (920)-347-3715 or [ScottB@townoflawrence.org](mailto:ScottB@townoflawrence.org) and let him know you are interested.

***Road ditches*** are meant to carry water away from roads and adjoining property. Do not alter or plant in road ditches. Do not take it upon yourself to make corrections without contacting the town hall. If you think you have a problem with the ditch by your lot or house call the town hall at 920-336-9131. Do not take it upon yourself to make corrections without contacting the town hall.



## ***POLICE***

### ***Prescription Drugs***

The Hobart /Lawrence Police Department, located at 2400 Shady Court in Lawrence, have prescription drug drop-off boxes for your convenience. We will be at this location on October 22nd from 10 am to 2 pm to assist in collecting your no longer needed medications. Residents can safely dispose of unused and expired drugs, be it prescription or over the counter medications at this site. Drugs can also be dropped off M-F 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. if you are unable to make this date. SHARPS (needles, syringes, lancets, etc) are strictly forbidden at these locations.



### ***K-9 Program***

Hobart Lawrence Police Department needs your support to help fund our new K-9 Program. The K9 program is funded solely through donations from the public. All costs of the program (with the exception of personnel) are paid for through the generosity of individual citizens, groups and local business owners in our community. We are asking for donations to help pay for the dog's ongoing training, veterinary bills, daily food and equipment. Your donation to this program will go directly to this effort and is tax deductible **under Section 170 ( c ) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code (instrumentality of a governmental unit).**



Mini Bax's are here! You can pick one up for \$15 at the Lawrence Town Hall located at 2400 Shady Ct M-F 8am-4pm. Orders can also be made by calling 920-869-3800 M-F 8am-5pm. HLPD K9 Unit T-shirts are also available for \$15. All proceeds go towards the K9 Unit.

To obtain further information regarding this program, please contact Chief Randy Bani at [randy@hobart-wi.org](mailto:randy@hobart-wi.org) or 920-869-3800. Send your tax-deductible donation payable to: Hobart Lawrence Police Department, Attn: K9 Officer Fund, 2990 South Pine Tree Road; Hobart, WI 54155.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## *Phantom Fun Run Walk 2016*

The first annual Hemlock Creek Phantom Fun Run/Walk took place on Saturday, August 20th, 2016. Despite the rainy weather, 268 participants took part in the 2-mile run/walk to raise money for new playground equipment at Hemlock Creek Elementary School. After the run/walk, families enjoyed snacks and chocolate milk donated by area businesses followed by a variety of after activities including: a Lawrence fire truck, Hobart-Lawrence police car and K-9 presentation, Green Bay CrossFit Kids, music, and raffle prizes. Hemlock Creek was able to raise over \$4,400.00 for new playground equipment! Thank you to all the participants, volunteers, and businesses who sponsored or donated supplies to help make the event a success! A special thanks to the Town of Lawrence Fire Department and Hobart-Lawrence Police Department for their contributions throughout the planning process and at the event.



## *Shadow Ridge Park*



*New park equipment was recently installed at Shadow Ridge Park located on Minten Way.*

# WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

As part of our annual water maintenance program, Public Works employees will be flushing fire hydrants during the month of October. Because water mains are typically looped together, you may notice that your service pressure is affected even if hydrants are being flushed several blocks away.

During the flushing process, there may be a slight discoloration of the water caused by sediment or rust being flushed from the water mains. If you do experience discoloration in your water service, please don't be alarmed your water will clear up once it is run for a short time. Should you experience rusty colored water, we suggest you run the cold water from the faucet nearest to the water meter (laundry tub, outside faucet) to flush the service. We suggest that on days we flush, you may not want to do laundry. Possible discoloration in the water can stain light colored clothing. Please note that your water is safe for all other uses and that slightly higher amounts of chlorine are added to the system during this maintenance.

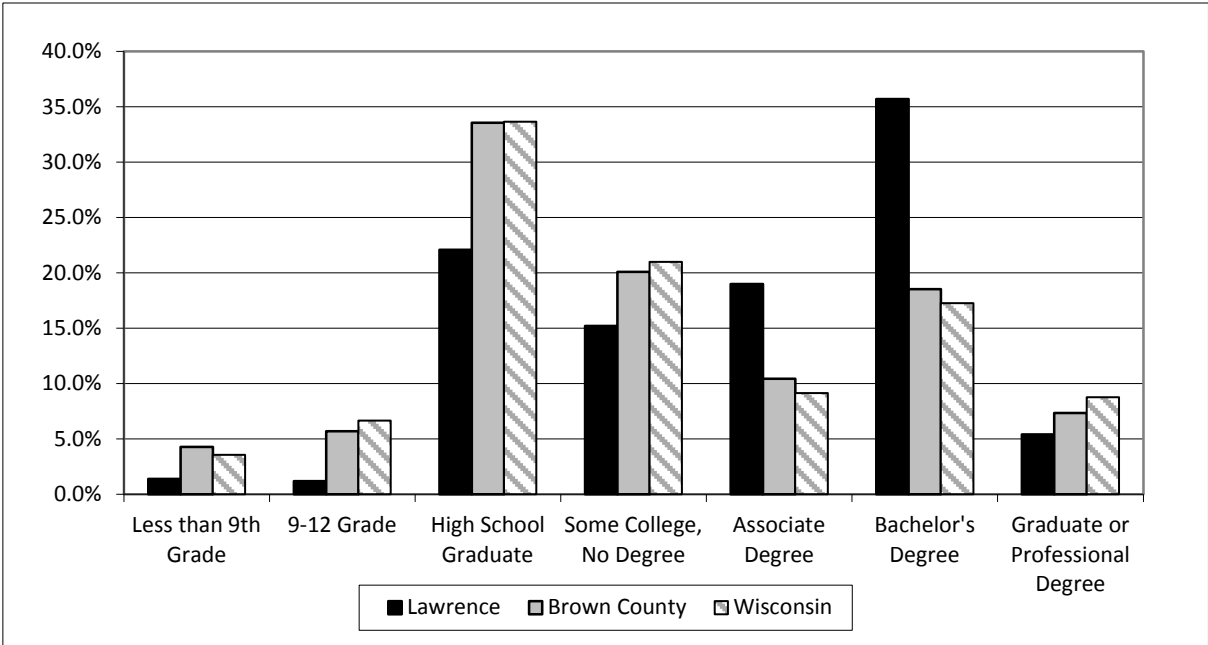
The Town performs annual flushing of hydrants for several reasons which includes:

- 1. Safety - to insure proper operation of each hydrant.
- 2. To clean out rust and sediment that may settle naturally in the system piping.
- 3. To exercise the hydrants and to do preventive maintenance.

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DEMOGRAPHICS

The basic demographics of the Town of Lawrence indicate the Town as a whole is a relatively wealthy, middle aged and well-educated community that can expect continued steady population growth over the next 25 years. Between 2000 and 2010 there was a rapid change in population that spiked upward to add 2,736 residents. This is a population increase of 176.7 percent in just one decade. Over the next 25 years, the Town of Lawrence is projected to add approximately 3,600 new residents, increasing the total population to over 7,900. The Town of Lawrence 35.9 median resident age is younger than the State of Wisconsin at 38.5 years and Brown County at 36.2 years. As is evident from Figure 1-5, the largest percentage of Town of Lawrence residents have earned a Bachelor's Degree and there is a higher percentage of residents with Associate's Degrees compared to Brown County or the State of Wisconsin.

Figure 1-5: Educational Attainment





## ***DOG LICENSING***

The Town of Lawrence has an ordinance requiring the licensing of all dogs. Residents are allowed to have TWO dogs at a residence. Any additional dogs will require a conditional use permit. To obtain a license, residents will need to provide a current rabies certificate from a veterinarian's office, pay an annual fee of \$5.00 for a neutered or spayed dog and \$10.00 for non-neutered or non-spayed dog. The dog license can be obtained at the Town Business Office during business hours. A Dog License expires on December 31 of each year.



***ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOLD A MEETING OR SOCIAL GATHERING?*** The New Town Hall includes a room available to rent for such an event. The room, complete with a warming kitchen is 42 by 42 with a capacity for approximately 80 people. The rental fee for four (4) hours is \$75.00 for Town of Lawrence residents and \$150.00 for non-residents. A refundable security deposit of \$150.00 will be required. Please call the Town Business Office at 336-9131 to make your reservation.

## ***SOCIAL MEDIA***

The Town of Lawrence has its own Facebook page. The page can be found at [www.facebook.com/TownofLawrence](http://www.facebook.com/TownofLawrence). This is the place to look for the most up to date information. Remember you can view all Town Board agendas and minutes on the Town of Lawrence website at: [www.townoflawrence.org](http://www.townoflawrence.org).



## ***NEWEYE***

What is NEWEYE? In mid-2015, Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach saw an opportunity for the communities of Brown County to strengthen government transparency with their constituents and expand the region's economic profile to new markets. By taking advantage of a severely underutilized tool provided to all municipalities by local cable providers, the communities of Allouez, Ashwaubenon, Howard and Lawrence decided to partner with Brown County to form Brown County Innovation Inc. to start a localized government based television network known as the NEWEYE Media Partnership.

While traditionally Community TV can only be viewed on cable television systems, the NEWEYE Network is taking content delivery to the next level. In addition to the traditional cable television systems, NEWEYE content can be seen on AT&T U-Verse, through a live-streaming WebTV Portal, on Roku Set-Top streaming devices, and soon to come, directly over-the-air broadcasting so that all residents will be able to see content affecting their communities.

## ***GOING GREEN***

The Town is looking at ways to reduce the use of paper and would like to utilize residents email for public notices. If you would like to receive the Newsletter via email, please send an email to [JenniferM@townoflawrence.org](mailto:JenniferM@townoflawrence.org) or call the business at (920) 347-3712. Remember you can view all Town Board agendas and minutes on the Town of Lawrence website at: [www.townoflawrence.org](http://www.townoflawrence.org)





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