



TOWN OF HILES

2010 NEWSLETTER



THE TOWN HAD A BUSY YEAR!!

The Town Hall addition which included a new handicapped accessible entrance, a more pleasing facade on the building and also some much needed repairs to the lower portion of the building has been completed.

New fire numbers were ordered and installed. They are larger and more visible at night. Many area towns have



complimented us on them and wanted to know where they can get them. Emergency personnel tell us they can easily read them and are able to find their destination. **NOTE:** If you have not had your old fire number replaced, you need to call the town clerk at 715-649-3469 or by email (hiles@newnorth.net) and let her know.

The following road work was done:

Fournier Road paving was completed with some improvements done at the Butternut Lake Road intersection.

Haymeadow Road was pulverized and paved. A major culvert replacement was made and shoulder work completed.

Town Line Road was chip sealed.

Main Street was slag sealed.



Many new culverts were also installed throughout the town road system.

With the many incidents of heavy rains and high winds the road crew was kept busy removing trees and repairing washouts on graveled roads. They are now preparing for the busy winter season.

The town office has a new computer system and copier. Window treatments have also been added.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!!

TAXES: Hours for tax collection this year will be on **Saturdays, from noon until 3 pm on December 11 and 18** and through the month of January, or by appointment. Taxes may be paid in full or in two installments. First payment is due by **January 31** to the **Hiles Town Treasurer** at the address that appears in the upper left corner of your tax bill. with the second due by **July 31** to the **Forest County Treasurer at 200 E. Madison, Crandon WI 54520**. Personal property taxes are due in full by January 31. Any tax payments made after January 31 should be sent the **Forest County Treasurer** at the above address and not the town treasurer. If you would like a receipt please include a self addressed stamped envelope.

TAXES & MORE

ANNUAL DOG LICENSES AT FIRST OF YEAR



Fees: Male/Female: \$8.00

Neuter/Spay: \$3.00

You are reminded that according to Wisconsin Statutes 174.05 every dog over the age of 5 months is required to be licensed. The Town also has a leash ordinance requiring all dogs to be tied or leashed when outdoors. Proof of rabies vaccination is required to be given to the town treasurer before a license can be issued. Please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope for return of license and rabies certificate.

ELECTION NEWS



Dates for 2011:

February 15, 2011—Spring Primary if necessary

April 5, 2011—Town Election General Election

REMINDER: If you have only requested absentee ballots to be sent to you for the year, you will need to fill out a new application for the year 2011 after January 1st. These can be obtained for either from the state election site gab.wi.gov or the town web site townofhiles.org If you are not sure, contact Cathy Votis the town clerk.

MORE ON THE OTHER SIDE

HILES SERVICE CLUB NEWS

The members are busy as usual with funeral dinners and holiday celebrations. The Memorial Day festivities were a giant undertaking this past year. The town hosted the Patriot Riders, a motorcycle group of 400 plus who ride for veterans. The roar of motorcycles as they rumbled into town accompanied by military hummies and an airplane was very moving. Lunch was provided and served to more than 500 people in attendance. Our thanks to all for participating.

It is hoped that the museum will be open on a schedule in 2011 along with some special exhibits. Hope to see you then!!



FROM YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT



Grants-grants-grants..... The Hiles Fire Department continues its success in being awarded grants for the purchase of equipment. We learned in April that we had been awarded a grant from Homeland Security (FEMA grant) for the amount of \$16,000 for an upgrade to our PPE (personal protective equipment). This provides new turnout jackets, pants, helmets, and other gear for ten members. This replaces outdated and old current gear that goes back as far as thirty years. We need only to come up with 5% of the cost. This is the third grant that we have received in the ten years of the existence of the program and far outpaces other fire departments in the county. We also received a grant award from the State Office of Justice Assistance that provided for five new truck radios and five portable radios. These are modern up-to-date digital radios and prepare us for the future when the county chooses to go to full digital communication. A DNR grant will help purchase a portable pump for dealing with wildland fires for the North Station of the fire department.

During the coming year we face the transition to the FCC program for narrow band frequency operation. What does this mean?? It means that we will have to reprogram all our radios to new frequencies and replace forty of our pagers, which were purchased only seven years ago, but are not compatible with narrow band frequency operation.

PLAYGROUND



The playground has undergone some positive changes. If you drive by, please notice we have a new 12' X 20' pavilion with a concrete floor and a colorful airplane see-saw that can accommodate up to seven children. Concrete stairs are formed up and will be poured next spring to provide a safe avenue to enter the playground from Main

Street by the town hall. We will have a couple of new slides that will be placed in the spring of 2011. We also received some really nice used equipment from the Mole Lake community in late November and these will be put together next summer too! Wooden benches are in place for people to sit on while the children are playing along with two picnic tables to make it possible for visitors to enjoy a picnic!! Any questions or comments please call Amy Houle-Bukovic at 715-649-3136

Town of Hiles Elected Officials

Marilyn Pfeiffer, Chair
Doris Lovrine, Supervisor
Larry Berg, Supervisor
Judy McKay-Burkey, Treasurer
Cathy Votis, Clerk

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***A Happy Holiday Season to you
from your Town Board***