



# TOWN OF HILES

## 2011 NEWSLETTER



### ELECTION NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Governor Walker signed the Wisconsin Voter Photo ID Law on May 25, 2011. Starting in 2012, voters will be required to show a photo ID such as a drivers license or state-issued ID and sign the poll list in order to receive a ballot and vote. The law also contains several other provisions affecting elections, including residency and absentee voting. To get the latest updates on the new provisions, you can contact the GAB (Government Accountability Board) website: gab.wi.gov, call 1-866-VOTE-WIS, or contact the GAB help desk at 608-261-2028. Of course you can always contact your town clerk, Cathy Votis, by email (cathy@townofhiles.org), mail at 9156 N Main Street, Hiles WI 54511, or phone 715-649-3469.

Remember that ALL absentee requests MUST be done in writing and signed by each individual asking for a ballot and at this time a copy of a photo ID will be needed. Send requests to your clerk. Just a reminder that if you receive absentee ballot requests forms in the mail check to make sure it is addressed to YOUR CLERK!!! During the past few elections, requests have been received from voters not residing in the municipality to which it was sent.

#### ELECTION DATES:

**FEBRUARY 21** - SPRING PRIMARY

**APRIL 3** - SPRING ELECTION AND PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

**AUGUST 14** - PARTISAN PRIMARY

**NOVEMBER 6** - GENERAL ELECTION



### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!!

**TAXES:** Hours for tax collection this year will be on **Saturdays, from noon until 3 pm** starting on December 10 and through the month of January, and also on Tuesday, January 31, 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 and 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.



### 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.



### NEW ROAD SIGNS

**Out with the "old" in with the "new"**

Beginning in December of this year and continuing on into 2012, the town crew will replace the present road signs with new 9" higher visibility signs to meet the new state requirements. This will help travelers and emergency personnel better locate the road they need.

**MORE ON THE OTHER SIDE**

## HILES SERVICE CLUB NEWS

The Hiles Service Club continues to work on maintaining the museum. Plans are to have it open for visitors periodically through the coming year. Of course, anyone can make an appointment to view it by contacting a member. The flower beds around town are also kept up by the members. In addition, this hard working group puts on the annual Memorial Day

**SIGN  
UP  
TODAY!**

Service followed by a community wide potluck and the fall Harvest Dinner. Other services to our community are organizing the traditional funeral dinners that Hiles is known for and other voluntary activities. For dates of upcoming events, you can check the towns website or call Marilyn

Pfeiffer at 715-649-3381 who is the president of the club. Meetings are held at the museum the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm. New members (both male and female) are encouraged to join!! **DONT FORGET TO DROP OFF YOUR ALUMINUM CANS IN THE BIN BY THE PLAYGROUND:)** The money from them help with all of the above!!

## PLAYGROUND

Many changes have taken place at the playground thanks to some very hard working individual. The concrete steps by the town hall have been completed by the Blackwell Job Corp and makes for a safe way to the playground. The new slides are up along with some of the used donated equipment. Plans are to have the remaining equipment up next summer. It has been fun to see how many of our local children and visitors have been enjoying it. Seems like every nice day it was getting some action! Any questions or comments please call Amy Houle-Bukovic at 715-649-3136. Ideas are always welcome.



### Town of Hiles Elected Officials

Karl Tauer, Chair 715-649-3299

Doris Lovrine, Supervisor 715-479-8047

Brian Bukovic, Supervisor 715-649-3136

Judy McKay-Burkey, Treasurer 715-649-3320

Cathy Votis, Clerk 715-649-3469

## FROM YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Great news for all..... the Town supported us this past year by helping us purchase a new 2011 Pierce 1250 gallon per minute pumper for the main fire station.



This vehicle is quite similar to the year 2000 Pierce that was purchased ten years ago. Did the main station need another new engine?? No. But the pumper at the north station was close to 35 years old and has been a problem in the past several years. Last year we had to rebuild the transfer case which cost almost \$4,000. So the 2000 engine has now been moved to the north station where the members are most satisfied with their almost new equipment! We train regularly with all our equipment, and with your help, prefer to not use it for real incidents. The 1978 International pumper was purchased by a person in Virginia who plans to use it for parades and to give rides to his grandchildren. Turns out that he lives close to where it came from twenty-five years ago.

A major project this past year has been our conversion to the FCC mandated narrow band of frequencies. In 2004 the FCC ruled that by January, 2013 all users in the frequency bands that we use, must convert to 'narrow band' frequencies. What this does is to shrink the frequency bandwidth and double the number of frequencies available to those and future users. We had planned on this for many years and were required to replace our forty pagers, which were not 'narrow band compatible' and reprogram our portable and mobile radios.



**Attention!!** We are always looking for new recruits to serve as fire fighters and medical First Responders. With retirements and other attrition both stations are at a lower staff level than ideal. We need to be at a position where we can provide you the service that you need. We will not guarantee fantastic salaries but will guarantee that you will feel proud in serving your community. Contact Vic Burkey (715-649-3320) or Chuck Hill (715-479-6903). Thanks!

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

