

October, 2019

Weathering the Storm

We have had several weather emergencies in our area in recent years, and we are likely to have many more in the coming years. We in the Town of Hull provide this information to help you weather the storms ahead.

Town of Hull Services

The Town of Hull Municipal Building is open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. We have a generator, so in a weather emergency you are welcome to recharge your I-phone or laptop computer here. If you are without potable water, you can get that here as well.

While our building is not a storm shelter, you are welcome to use our large meeting room as a temporary summer cooling site or winter warming site.

Other area warming sites in winter include Salvation Army at 1600 Briggs Street (open 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.); Portage County Library at 1001 Main Street (open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 Monday through Saturday & 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 Sunday); Stevens Point Recreation Center at 2442 Sims Avenue (open 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Portage County Aging & Disability Resource

Center at 1519 Water Street (open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.); and Frame Presbyterian Church at 1300 Main Street (open 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.).

Other area cooling sites in summer include Salvation Army at 1600 Briggs Street (open 24 hours a day Sunday through Saturday); Portage County Public Library at 1001 Main Street (open 9:00 a.m.to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9:00 a.m.to 8:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday; and 9:30 to 1:00 p.m. Saturday); and Portage County Aging & Disability Resource Center at 1519 Water Street (open 7:30 to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays)

Before the storm hits

- 1. Unplug any sensitive electronics that might be affected by brownouts/blackouts.
- 2. If you do not already have one, buy a battery powered NOAA Weather Radio, so you can learn of alerts and know what's coming your way.
- 3. If you have your own well, consider filling your bathtub so you will have water with which to flush your toilet if the power goes out.

- 4. If you have space in your freezer, fill it with one or more bags of ice. You will lower your electricity bill, and the ice will come in handy if the power goes out.
- 5. If you have an electric garage door opener, make sure you learn how to manually open and close your garage door.

(For a complete emergency supply and suggestion list, please see our website – www.townofhull.us or call the municipal office (715-344-8280).

Have these things on hand

- Three gallons of water for each person in your home.
- At least three days' worth of non-perishable food, including canned fruits and vegetables as well as nuts, peanut butter, granola bars, and comfort foods
- A good manual can opener as well as paper plates and cups
- Working flashlights and battery-operated lanterns
- Lots of fresh (rechargeable) batteries.

To weather the storm

- If it's a winter storm, close off any unneeded rooms to reduce heat loss.
- If your power is out, do not open your freezer or refrigerator any more than you must.
- Turn off as many lights and appliances as you can, so they are not hurt by power fluctuations.

We're all in this together.

- Do not run a gasoline or propane heater or a gas or charcoal grill in your home or garage. They produce carbon monoxide.
- If you use candles, be careful to avoid causing a house fire.
- If you have a generator, keep it at least 20 feet downwind from your home. Do not run it in your home, garage, or near windows or doors.
- As soon as you know there is an electric power outage, call Wisconsin Public Service at 1-800-450-7240.
- If you notice a gas leak, get out of your home. Then call Wisconsin Public Service at 1-800-450-7280.

In closing

In a winter or summer weather emergency, be sure to check on your elderly or disabled neighbors to make sure that they too are weathering the storm. If you find them in distress or if their power is out and they have important electric-powered medical equipment, contact Emergency Services at (715) 344-7438.

If you or your neighbor have no power or heat in the winter and need to be evacuated, call the Portage County Sheriff's office at (715) 346-1400. Also, if you or your neighbor need overnight accommodations, contact Emergency Services at (715) 344-7438.

(Up to-date information relating to storms or other local emergency information is reported "FREE" of charge by the Point/Plover Metro Wire, which can be found at spmetrowire.com, or by searching "Point/Plover Metro Wire" on Facebook).

> Article Contributed By Dan Dieterich, Town of Hull Citizen





2020 is a big election year!

Elections in 2020 February 18 – Spring Primary (if required) April 7 – Presidential Primary & Spring Election August 11 – Partisan Primary November 3 – General Election

** Register early – To register to vote you must provide Proof of Residency (POR). POR must include your current name and current address. You can use your driver's license/state ID, utility bills, bank statement, tax statement, licenses issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Natural Resources, a document issued by local, state or federal units of government. Documents you cannot use include but are not limited to insurance bills, credit card statements unless issued by a bank, personal mail.

Register to vote by mail or on-line using https://myvote.wi.gov

**Absentee Voting -

Photo ID must be presented.

To Request an Absentee Ballot you must:

Be a registered voter and must apply in writing

Applications requesting absentee voting by mail are found on-line at:

- 1) Town of Hull website www.townofhull.us (print, fill out and return to Town of Hull) (return via email to me)
- 2) https://myvote.wi.gov

Armed Forces, college students, confined individuals, hospitalized electors and individuals who cannot be present at the polls on Election Day may want to vote by absentee ballot, you must, however, PLAN AHEAD – waiting until the last minute may make it impossible for a person to vote by absentee ballot.

Remember you must provide a copy of your photo ID to receive a ballot via mail.

** Photo ID – must be presented to election inspectors when coming in to vote. To save time, please remove ID from your purse/wallet before you enter the polls. ***********

Applications for voter registration and absentee ballot requests are also available at Hull office, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., or by calling 715-344-8280 requesting an application(s) be sent to you.

A little bit of history - Election Day Registration in Wisconsin was implemented on July 1, 1976. The first election affected by Wisconsin's EDR was in the fall of 1976.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

With questions, please call the office 715-344-8280 or townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov.

Helping us helps you! Thank you, Janet Wolle, Clerk



From the Desk of Your Clerk – I AM RETIRING!

Following 42+ years of **proudly serving** Hull citizens as your elected Town Clerk, I handed in my letter of resignation to the Town board on September 25, 2019. With the New Year, the new chapter of my life begins!

Over the years, I have met and talked with Hull's amazing citizens. We have had serious discussions, laughed and occasionally cried. Oh, there is **a lot more** in being clerk however, **working for and with the citizens is the most**

rewarding. That is what being town clerk is about.

One of you will be appointed to fill the unexpired term of my office. The term expires in April 2021. Please watch for ads so you do not miss the application period. The clerk's job description is in the statutes of the State of Wisconsin.

Thank you for being part of my life. Most importantly thank you for allowing me to be part of yours. I will miss you so very much. Take care.

Janet Wolle, Clerk

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Volunteer Firefighters Needed



Looking for a Rewarding Volunteer Opportunity? Do you have what it takes to give back to your community <u>IN A BIG WAY</u>?

Giving back is answering the call when no one else will. It is providing the safety and reliability the community needs. It is the ultimate service to your community. You will feel the honor of helping out your neighbors in a way that no one else can, when they truly need you. If you want to help your community, please contact the Hull Fire Department.

Raffle: Watch for our Fire Department fund raising raffle in the mail at the end of October.

Reminder to change smoke detector batteries

Fall Back: Time **change** provides excellent **reminder** to **change batteries** on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

If either detector is more than 10 years old, it should be replaced.

Ken Sadogierski, Hull Fire Chief Hull FD Station: 715 344 2174







The Town of Hull EMS group is a volunteer first response group, who assist the Medics with the Portage County Ambulance Service. The group is made up of individuals trained at either the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) levels. Town of Hull EMS members have responded to 80 medical calls thus far in 2019. If you are trained as an EMR or EMT and would like to become a responder for the Town of Hull, contact Deputy Chief Mark Fritsche at 715-344-2174.

Which "1-1" Number do I Call??

<u>**211**</u> – *Connecting People to Resources*: Dial 211 for "free" and confidential crisis and emergency counseling, disaster assistance, food, health care and insurance assistance, stable housing, utilities payment assistance, employment services, veteran services and childcare and family services. No matter the situation, the specialist at 211 listen, identify the problem(s) and connect people to resources and services in their community.

 $\underline{411}$ – *Directory Assistance*: When you call an operator to request a telephone number, you are using directory assistance. This service can be provided by your local phone company, long-distance company or various independent providers. The accuracy, price and method of access depend on the service you use.

<u>511</u> - *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 vehicle assistance will be forwarded to FSP, and a truck will be instructed to assist when it is available.

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

711 - *Telecommunicaiton Relay Service:* The number 711 is a relay number for every state in this country. When a TTY caller or a non TTY user calls the relay number, the operator will dial the number they wish to contact and relay the messages between two parties using voice and TTY. (What does TTY Mode Mean: TTY stands for **TeleTypewriter**. This functionality is specially built to assist deaf and 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).

<u>811</u> – *Digging, trenching, drilling or grading:* We refer to this as diggers hotline. When planning a project which involves digging, trenching, drilling or grading, state law requires you call 811 at least three (3) days before beginning the project. Your local utility will locate and 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 when digging within the 18-inch tolerance zone.

<u>911</u> – EMERGENCY Only!!!

DOG LICENSE RENEWAL FORM – 2020

If you have a dog 5 months or over, a license is required by WI State Law, on or before March 31, 2020.

A \$5.00 late fee <u>must be charged</u> for any license purchased after March 31, 2020.

Kennel License: \$85.00	License Fees:	Male Dog:	\$15.00 \$25.00	Spayed Female Dog: Female Dog:	\$15.00 \$25.00
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A license cannot be issued without the **CERTIFICATION OF RABIES** RECEIPT (or copy). All owners must present evidence that the dog was neutered or spayed to qualify for the lower license fee.

<u>Dog #1</u>	<u>Dog #2</u>	
Name of Dog:	Name of Dog:	

Office hours: 8:00am to 4:00pm – Monday through Friday. ONLY CHECKS or CASH accepted.

(Dogs tags will be available for 2020 beginning December 16, 2019)

Contacts at the Town of Hull

The Town of Hull has a 5 Member Board

John Holdridge – Chairperson Dave Pederson – Supervisor Dave Wilz – Supervisor Jan Way – Supervisor John Koshnick – Supervisor

Janet Wolle - Clerk Jim Kruziki - Treasurer

Barb Brilowski – Secretary/Deputy Clerk Patty Amman – Clerical Staff Patty Fritsche – Yard Waste Attendant

<u>Fire Department</u>

Ken Sadogierski – Fire Chief Mark Fritsche – Asst. Fire Chief

Road Crew Members

Pete Kaminski – Road Foreman Nick Kaminski – Road Crew Member Bill Omernik – Road Crew Member Joe Wierzba – Road Crew Member Grant Larson – Park Maintenance Ken Johnson – Backup Road Crew Member



Snowplow Safety

- ▶ Keep a safe distance: A minimum of 200' so we can see you.
- ➢ Remember, if you cannot see their mirrors, they can't see you.
- Keep personal property such as trailers, vehicles, snowmobiles, etc. off of cul-desacs and road right of ways. NO PARKING ON ROADWAYS WHEN IT IS SNOWING!!
- > Keep refuse/recycling carts off of the roadway at least 3 feet.
- Do NOT snow blow snow from your driveway on to the roadway before or after the snow plow comes through.
- If your mailbox is in ill repair, we will not replace it if the snow knocks it over when plowing. We will replace a mailbox if we knock it over if the mailbox is in good condition.
- Keep branches and wood piles at least nine feet from the blacktop to accommodate for a snowy season.
- **BE PATIENT**! Main roads are plowed first.

ATV/UTV TASK FORCE MEET



In September, the Hull Board of Supervisors created a Task Force to investigate the use of ATV's and UTV's on Hull roads. Made up of eleven (11) Hull citizens of the Town of Hull, the Task Force had its first meeting Wednesday, October 9.

The purpose of the Task Force is to review crucial information about Hull roads and neighborhoods to determine if ATV's/UTV's should be permitted on Hull roads. At the end of their investigation, the Task Force will make a recommendation to the Hull Board of Supervisors, which will make the final decision.

Task Force investigation is on-going. The next meeting of the Task Force will be <u>Wednesday, November 13 at 5:30pm at</u> <u>the Hull Municipal Building</u>. All meetings of the Task Force are public. Hull citizens are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Town of Hull at 715-344-8280.

Thank you! John Holdridge, Chairperson



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2019 Fall Newsletter



October 31, 2019 -- 5:00pm to 8:00pm

"SAVE"

- End of year Yard Waste Site hours.
- 2020 Recycling Schedule
- Dog License Renewal Form

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