

TOWN OF HULL 2021 SPRING NEWSLETTER

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TO CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF HULL

Citizens obtain no greater honor in a representative democracy than to be elected by their peers to represent their interests at the seat of government. I have had that honor after fifteen (15) elections and thirty (30) years of service as Hull Chairperson. I am concluding my career as Chairperson, which began in 1991 with sincere appreciation to Hull citizens for the honor they have bestowed upon me.

In 1991, Hull was the largest of the seventeen (17) towns in Portage County. It remains the largest town today. Among the municipalities in Portage County only the City of Stevens Point and the Village of Plover were larger in population in 1991 and remains the largest today. Hull's population in 1991 was 5559. In 2021, its population is 5476. Hull's proposed budget in 1991 was \$851,053. Hull's proposed budget in 2021 is \$2,660,514. On a personal note, the Chairperson's salary in 1991 when I was first elected was \$12,600. In 2021, the salary is \$14,959.

On another matter, the January 6 violence against elected officials in Washington D.C. raised questions about threats to other elected officials. In my thirty (30) years of leading public meetings as Chairperson, there was only one incident where the Hull Board was threatened. At the next meeting, the same topic came up and the same protagonists were in attendance but so was a Portage County Sheriff's deputy. There was no continuing threat to the Hull Board.

All governments have two major functions. The first is to bring order to the population they serve. The second is to provide services to that population. In Hull, we have promoted order through updated ordinances, policies and practices. We have provided opportunities for citizens to address their concerns at Board Meetings, petitions to the Hull Board and direct contact with Hull officials. More specifically, a unique "Weight Limit Ordinance" has regulated heavy truck traffic in Hull. When needed, Hull Board has employed the Portage County Sheriff's Department to enforce speed limits. Perhaps, the greatest challenge to order for the Hull Board was the prosecution and conviction of a senior staff manager for theft.

The second function of government is to provide public services to the population, which cannot be provided by individual households. All 82 miles of Hull roads are maintained and plowed by a 4-member road crew. Hull refuse/recycling is picked up curbside by a contracted company. The only two major services Hull does not provide are planning and zoning services (Portage County Zoning Department) and police services (Sheriff Department), which are provided by Portage County.

As the Hull Board of Supervisors confront the future, there are three major issues facing them. They all relate to issues of preservation. Preservation of Hull's political/geographical boundaries, the preservation of reliable, drinkable and uncontaminated water and the preservation and continuation of democratic practices in Hull.

Preservation of Hull land, specifically annexation of Hull land by the City of Stevens Point presents a continuing challenge to Hull's existence. The decrease in Hull's population since 1991 can be attributed to annexations by Stevens Point. A typical annexation involves a Hull property owner with substantial land annexing to Stevens Point to obtain sewer and water so they can develop their land on smaller lots and thus make more money. In thirty (30) years, I have seen little if any Hull households leaving Hull voluntarily going into Stevens Point. Although annexation has slowed down considerably in recent years, it is still a threat to Hull's boundaries and existence.

The second challenge facing Hull's board and Hull's citizens is maintaining the quality and availability of Hull water. Private household water supply is a staple of Hull households. Hull officials need to continue to analyze water throughout the Town, determine threats to that water and encourage good practices that protect the water supply. The Well #11 agreement with Stevens Point set an example of intergovernmental cooperation and is unique in Wisconsin.

Finally, preserving representative democracy is an on-going task. Hull's officials need to continually promote democratic practices and procedures. Hull citizens vote heavily but that is not enough. Hull has active citizen involvement serving on, commissions/committees including the Plan Commission, Park Commission, Water Committee and Road Committee. Volunteerism is high particularly in Hull's well regarded Fire Department and among poll workers staffing the polls on election day. Nine (9) families or organizations voluntarily pick up trash on Hull roads in the fall and spring. Bannach School, PJ Jacobs and SPASH have adopted a road for trash pickup. As a Board, we have encouraged discussion and involvement by Hull citizens at Board Meetings and with Hull staff. The key to representative democracy is citizen active involvement in governmental activity. There is no question the year-long pandemic has interrupted and interfered with Hull government and citizen interaction. However, citizen involvement must continue to sustain representative democracy at the local level.

Over my thirty (30) year elected service in Hull and my sixteen (16) years as an elected member of the Portage County Board of Supervisors, I have always had faith and confidence in the good sense of the American people.

In concluding, I want to thank the citizens of Hull, as President Lincoln would call them, "*The People*" for their strong support and active participation in their government. I also want to thank the Hull Board of Supervisors and the Hull Staff who have been active, informed and committed participants in our representative democracy.

I BID YOU A FOND FAREWELL, GOOD HEALTH AND GOD SPEED!!

John W. Holdridge
Chairperson
Town of Hull
1991-2021



Spring Election 2021

April 6th

Polls OPEN at 7 AM

Polls CLOSE at 8 PM



Voters that have received A REQUESTED Absentee ballot by mail, **PLEASE** return as soon as possible. You may return by mail, in person after March 23rd or use our convenient Secured Drop box in front of our office.

If you are a NEW voter, you may register in our office March 23-April 2. Proof of residency is required. If you are a NEW resident, you must reside in the Town of Hull for 28 days to vote in Hull. If you have lived here less than 28 days, you may vote at your previous municipality.

When you come to In-person vote, **please** have your Driver's License ready to SHOW our Poll workers. If you have ANY questions about voting, please call our office at 715-344-8280

THANK YOU for Voting !!

Judy Holley-Town Clerk

Opportunities To Serve

There will be a potential opening on your Town of Hull Board in late April, 2021. The position that will probably be vacated is **Town Supervisor**. There will be approximately one year left on this two year **elected position**. The current Town Board at that time, along with the Town Clerk, will decide who the successful replacement will be for the time remaining. A

candidate must be a Town of Hull Resident and be at least 18 years of age. If you would like more information on this opportunity or would like to be a candidate, please contact the Town of Hull by email = townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov or call at (715) 344-8280. Deadline for informing us of your interest is Friday, 4/16/2021.

Volunteer Opportunities

Your Town of Hull Board makes decisions about our great community on a regular basis. Many of these decisions come from information and recommendations they receive from Hull Citizens who act as advisors while serving on committees and commissions. Currently the Town has the following committees and commissions – Parks Commission, Plan

Commission, Water Committee and Roads Committee.

Occasionally, there are openings on these volunteer advisory groups. If you have future interest in serving on one of these commissions or committees, please email = townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov or call at (715) 344-8280.



12th ANNUAL



DAYS

Trash or Treasure Days has been a hit in the Town of Hull for the past 11 years. Trash or Treasure gives residents an opportunity to re-purpose items they no longer need as they do spring cleaning.

It's a WIN – WIN!



You may put your items out “near” the roadside the Monday before your final pickup day.



If you live “north” of or “on” State Hwy. 66 (north & south side) (by the airport) your FINAL Spring Cleanup Day will be

Thursday, May 6th

You may begin putting your items at the roadside on
Monday, May 3rd.

If you live south of State Hwy. 66, (airport) your FINAL Spring Cleanup Day will be

Thursday, May 13th

You may begin putting your items at the roadside on
Monday, May 10th

The following items **CAN** be picked up on your Final Spring Cleanup Day:

- Small appliances (toasters, mixers, etc.)
- Carpeting
- Lawn mowers (gas & oil drained)
- Paint (dried hard paint) – remove lid
- Furniture – **LIMIT** – 1 pc per household (ex: 1 sofa, 1 recliner, etc.)
- Mattresses/Box Spring – **LIMIT** – 1 set per household

LIMIT: Not to include furniture or mattress/box spring - Disposable items not to exceed an 8’L x 4’W x 4’H pile.

The following items **CANNOT** be picked up on your Final Spring Cleanup Day:

- Major appliances (see large item disposal day)
- Microwaves, Televisions, Radios, Computer Monitors, keyboards, printers, etc.
- Demolition material (lumber, shingles, dry-wall, etc.)
- Hazardous materials, Fluorescent Fixtures, Concrete materials/Rock/Bricks/Scrap metal

If you have questions on how to dispose of the items listed above, contact the Portage County Solid Waste Dept. at 715-343-6297 or www.co.portage.wi.us

LARGE ITEM DISPOSAL DAY MAY 15



WELLER'S SALVAGE will be available on May 15 at the Town of Hull Municipal Building (4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr.) from 8:00am to 5:00pm to accept large items you wish to dispose of. It can include but is not limited to:

- Washing Machines & Dryers
- Hot Water Heaters
- Dishwashers
- Air Conditioners
- Freezers
- Dehumidifiers
- Microwaves
- Old sheet iron, tin cans, most types of metal

TIRE DISPOSAL

Car/pickup tires with or w/o rims	\$5.00
Semi/dump truck tires with or w/o rim	\$20.00
End loader tires	\$25.00
Small trailer/motorcycle tires	\$ 1.00
Bicycle tires	No charge

ELECTRONICS

Only 46 cents/lb.

Televisions
Computers
Keyboards
Mouse's
Monitors
Cell Phones
Etc.

If you have a question on an item you wish to dispose of, please call Weller's Salvage at 715-677-6757.

LICENSING YOUR DOG(S)

It is WISCONSIN LAW:

All dogs over the age of 5 months must be licensed and vaccinated for rabies. Dog licenses should be renewed annually by March 31 to avoid a \$5 late

License Fees: Neutered Male or Spayed Female Dog - \$15.00
Male or Female Dog - \$25.00
Kennel License - \$85.00

REMINDER: When walking your dog, a leash is required. It is un-lawful for any person to permit any animal to be on private property unless such person has permission & appropriate means of removing excreta.

fee. Dog licenses run from Jan.1 to Dec. 31 of each year. Get your dog license by coming to the Town office or mailing in your license request.

A license **CAN NOT** be issued without **CERTIFICATION OF RABIES RECEIPT** (or copy). All owners must present evidence that the dog(s) are neutered or spayed to qualify for the lower license fee.

TOWN OF HULL
YARD WASTE SITE
SCHEDULED TO OPEN
DATES & HOURS OF
OPERATION

Thursday, April 1, 2021
Through
Saturday, November 6, 2021

Monday 1:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 1:30pm – 6:30pm
Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday, November 7, 2021
Through
Thursday, November 18, 2021

Monday Noon – 4:45pm
Thursday Noon – 4:45pm
Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Note: Once again, it is recommended that the last day this fall is the Thursday before the start of deer hunting. The numbers support this decision. Once deer hunting and Thanksgiving arrive, the activity is minimal and in some years, there is snow.

“CLOSED” on HOLIDAYS!!

The Town of Hull has available to Town of Hull residents only, a “gated” drop off site at the Town Municipal Building for grass, leaves and branches. This site is for yard cleanup only, NOT to be used for commercial use.

Below are the guidelines set by the Hull Board of Supervisors:

- Yard Waste Site is for **TOWN OF HULL** Residents **ONLY!!!**
Check in with the Attendant at the Yard Waste Site. A **Photo I.D.** is required to prove residency. (*If you are a new resident and your license does not reflect your new address, bring a utility bill or document you receive on a regular basis to prove residency-(magazine subscriptions are not accepted).*)
- The following **WILL** be accepted at the Yard Waste Drop off Site:
 - Leaves, Pine Needles, Grass, Plants that will compost down.
 - Branches not exceeding 6 inches in diameter.
- **“NOT ACCEPTED”** at this site are:
 - Tree Roots
 - Tree Stumps

NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING ALLOWED!!

**THIS AREA IS UNDER 24 HOURS VIDEO SURVEILLANCE
ALL ACTIVITIES ARE RECORDED TO AID IN THE PROSECUTION OF ILLEGAL DUMPING**

**BRANCH/BRUSH PICKUP
FOR TOWN OF HULL RESIDENTS
BEGINNING
APRIL 26, 2021
(Weather permitting)**

- **Branches must be at curbside by 6:00am, April 26th .**
- **It may take Hull's road crew up to two weeks to finish the pickup.**

The following procedures apply:

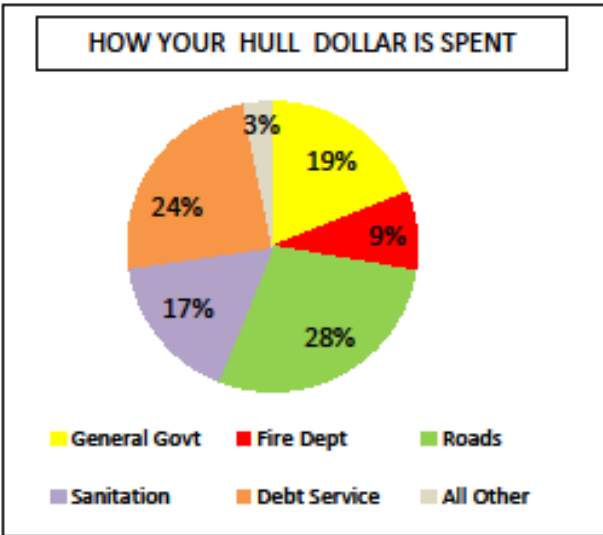
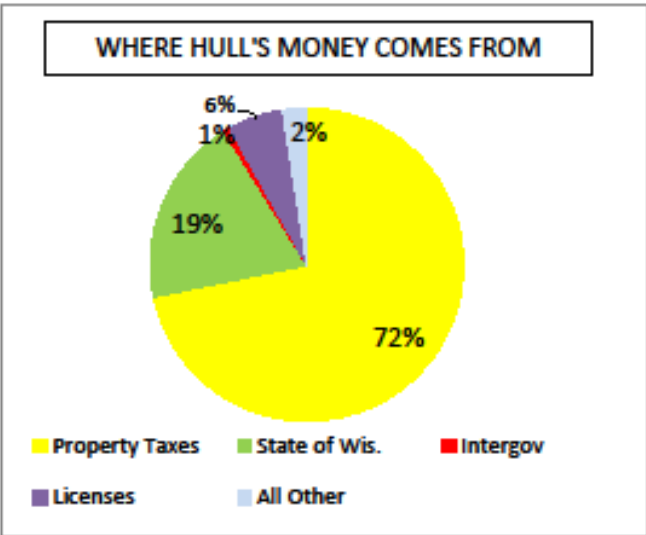
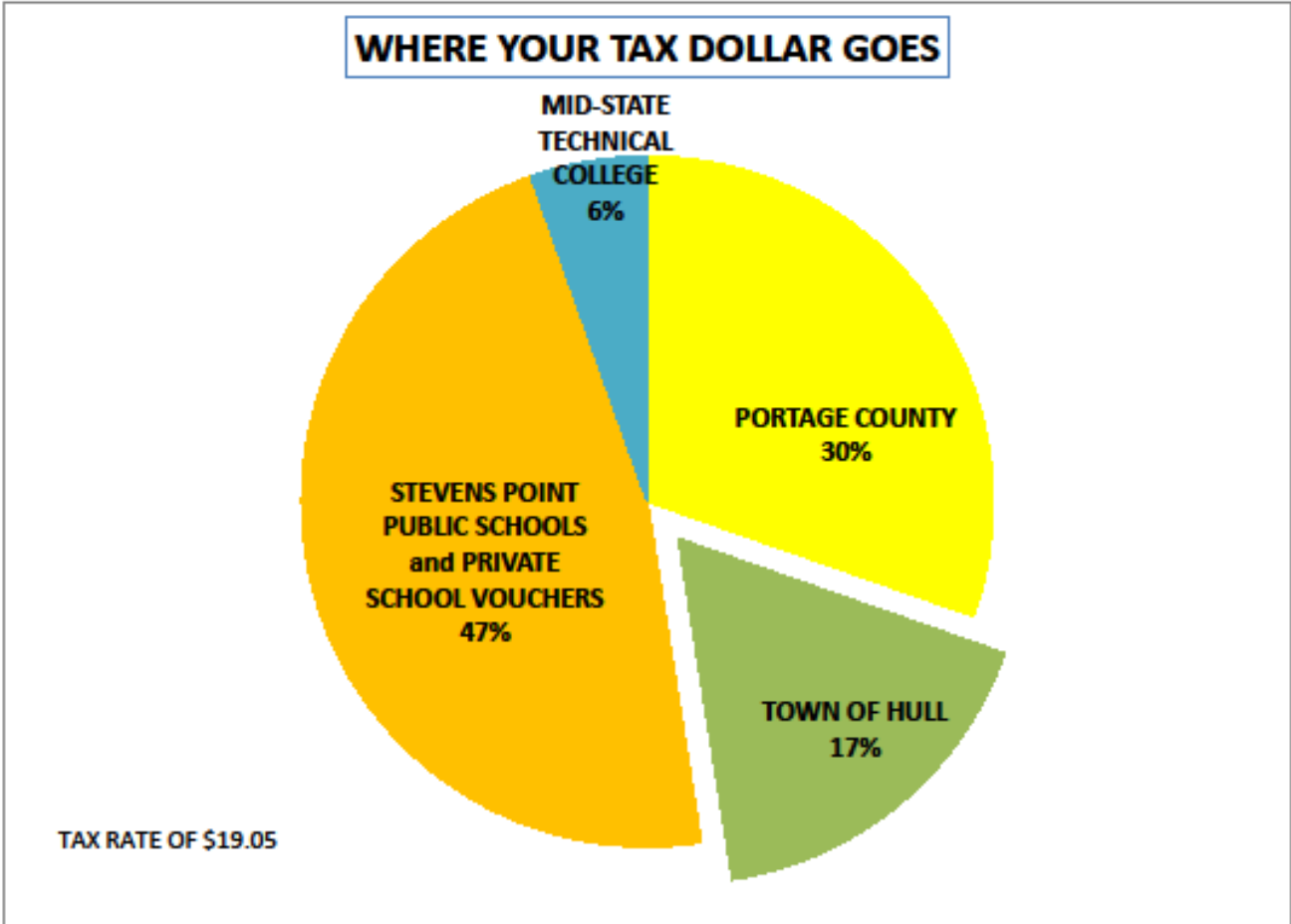
1. The maximum dimension of the brush pile cannot exceed 12'L x 12'w x 6'h. Brush piles larger will not be picked up by the Hull road crew (see #4 below).
2. The following additional requirements apply:
 - a. Only one pile per land parcel.
 - b. Branches must be piled in one direction with butt end toward the road.
 - c. Branches must be placed at least 15 feet from mailbox, sign or trees.
 - d. Branches can be no longer than 12 feet in length.
 - e. Branches can be no wider than 6 inches in diameter.
 - f. No scrap lumber or pallets will be picked up.
3. Other provisions of policy:
 - a. **No tree stumps or tree roots** will be in the pile. The pile will not be picked up if tree stumps or roots are present.
 - b. Branches cut for resale as pulp will not be picked up.
4. Inspection of pile:
 - a. *Brush piles will be inspected prior to pickup. Those exceeding dimensions will be flagged by the Town of Hull to notify the resident of policy violation. Those branch piles will not be picked up.*

Exception to this policy requires approval by Hull Board of Supervisors.

Adopted By: Hull Board of Supervisors

Date: March 4, 2013

TOWN OF HULL--2021 PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION





From time to time, the Town of Hull may ask citizens to prepare an article for this newsletter. The purpose is for the citizen to share their perspective on any aspect of life in our community that they have interest in. Please take a few minutes to read the following submittal. ENJOY!!

In 1858, on November 12 the “Township of Hull” was created by the Portage Board of Supervisors. I am not sure of the exact time. A year later a chunk of it was sawed off and donated to Plover which I am thinking was named after the bird, seeing as the bird came first. It is the only town I know of named after a bird excluding Eagle River. Another chunk was at the same time given to the Township of Sharon which I am sure made her feel larger and thankful.

The Township of Hull was discovered way back when before our time and was named “Hull” by someone who thought the name fit. I am wondering how that name was settled on and when. Anybody know? Like what does it mean?

Polonia, our neighbors to the east, is the name for Poland in latin. I am wondering how come someone from Rome named them and not someone from Poland? And there are a lot of other questions that arise when one looks at a map of our Township, drives around snooping and trys to figure out who or what all our roads got named after. Some of the names are simple and some are a mystery. Some fitting, some beautiful and some sentimental like Wojcik Memorial Drive which is names after Joe. I am not a detective, but I bet Ann’s Drive is named after Ann, Shady Oak after a bunch of trees, Granite Ridge after rocks, Reserve Drive after the Federal Reserve and I think Evergreen Drive, which is only green half the year, I think should change its name in the winter. Maybe to “No Green Drive” or “The Polka Snoz Drive.” We could take a vote. And then, there is Brilowski Road which begins at Jordan Pond

and goes south forever. It is so long because there are hundreds or maybe thousands of Brilowski’s who it should be named after and each deserve a stretch. The silly opposite of Brilowski is a road named after the entire universe I think and it is called “Infinity Lane” which is nearly impossible to find and totally impossible to get lost on as it is two hundred yards long. Whoever named that road was definitely thinking big or not thinking at all. And then there is Torun Road. That guy is long too. It begins on Highway 66 near the airport and heads north until it runs out of Hull and just keeps going. Many kind folks live on that road but have no idea what “Torun” means. Torun, is actually the second largest city in Poland and is world famous for its renowned “Museum of Gingerbread.” I’m like, you’ve got to be kidding me! What a surprise! I would have guessed “The House of Kielbasa” or “Leaning Tower of Packis” or “The Czernina Capital of the World.” And then there is Casimir Road which is named after a Polish saint names Saint Casimir Jagiellon who was born October 3, 1458 and just died March 4, 1484. That made that guy only 25 when he passed away. He was known for “his piety, devotion to God and generosity towards the sick and poor.” There are more than 50 churches named after St. Casimir in Lithuania and Poland but only one in the Township of Hull which was actually built on Casimir Road. It is a beautiful church, full of beautiful people. One day a year the basement of the church is full of these beautiful people eating beautiful potato pancakes in honor of the former prince of the Kingdom of Poland, Saint Casimir of Hull.p.

Submitted by: Tom Jensen, Hull Citizen



The Town of Hull is governed by a 5-member Board of Supervisors

John Holdridge – Chairperson

Dave Pederson....Dave Wilz....Jan Way....John Koshnick



Other Staff:

- Judy Holley – Clerk
- Barb Brilowski – Adm. Asst./Deputy Clerk
- Jim Kruziki – Treasurer
- Patty Fritsche – Yard Waste Attendant
- Ken Sadogierski – Fire Chief
- Mark Fritsche – Asst. Fire Chief/Treasurer

Road Crew

- Pete Kaminski-Rd. Foreman
- Nick Kaminski
- Bill Omernik
- Joe Wierzba
- Ken Johnson-PT backup
- Grant Larson-Park Maint.



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FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER



Burning permits are required by the Wisconsin DNR when ground is not snow covered.

Burning permits are free and easy to obtain.

Small fires for warming or cooking purposes do not require a DNR burning permit and are allowed anytime of the day, except during Emergency Burning Restrictions

1. **Get a permit:** Obtain a [free permit online](#) instantly with an email address. Or, call the hotline 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily to have a burning permit mailed to you.
2. **Check before burning:** After 11 a.m. on the day you wish to burn, check the [daily burning restrictions](#) and select the county where you plan to burn. Fire conditions change quickly, so it is important to check each day you burn to find out if burning is allowed, burning hours and any size limitations.
3. **Follow the rules:** Follow the daily burning restrictions and fire safety recommendations listed on the permit. Make sure to have all the necessary tools to keep your fire contained. Lastly, make sure your fire is completely out before leaving.

