

# TOWN OF MOSEL \* SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

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## TOWN OF MOSEL ANNUAL MEETING

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015 - 7 p.m. Mosel Town Hall**

Please join with your neighbors and community friends to attend the Town of Mosel's Annual Town Meeting. Items on the agenda include:

**Recap of 2014 town activities.**

**Final 2014 Town of Mosel Financial Report.**

**Review 2015 Town Board Priorities.**

**Update on status and timeline for completing the Lakeshore Road relocation.**

**Update from PGA Officials on upcoming PGA Golf Championship.**

**Introduction and short remarks from our State Representative, Tyler Vorpapel.**

**Report from Haven Fire Department.**

This meeting is a great opportunity to catch up on what is happening in Town of Mosel, to get your questions answered or express concerns, and to interact with your community friends and neighbors.

**We Hope to See You on April 21<sup>st</sup>!**

Refreshments will be provided by Cleveland State Bank

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## Town Hall open Tuesdays and Thursdays

Town of Mosel Clerk-Treasurer Sue Born has scheduled regular office hours at the Town Hall. The town hall will be open Tuesdays from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, and Thursdays from 12:00pm – 6:00pm.

Clerk/Treasurer Born stated, "The Board and I thought it would be a beneficial to have the office open Thursdays after normal working hours. That makes it easier for working people to contact our office."

Residents are encouraged to call and listen to the voice mail message relating the current office schedule before making the trip to the town hall. At times, unforeseen conflicts necessitate changing the regular hours.

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## Monthly Mosel Board Meeting Dates to Change



Beginning in May, 2015, the monthly meeting of the Mosel Town Board will take place on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** of each month. The meeting will continue to begin at 6:30 pm.

"Meeting later in the month gives us a bit more time to prepare all the bills incurred in the previous month" Town Chair Dirk Zylman stated. At each monthly meeting, the Board approves payment of expenses from the previous month.

"We encourage town residents to attend Board meetings," Zylman stated. "These meetings are probably not the most exciting thing that will happen in your lives, but they will give a good sense of what's happening in your town government."

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## Transfer Station Hours

1st Saturday of the month 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The transfer station is located on Rowe Road between County DL and Lakeshore Road (east of the railroad tracks)



## Transfer Station July Date Change

**Please note.** Because the **July 4<sup>th</sup>** holiday falls on a Saturday, the transfer station will not be open that date.

However, the transfer station will be open **July 11<sup>th</sup>**, the second Saturday of the month.

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## Open Book and Board of Review Dates

If you have questions about the assessment of your Town of Mosel property, representatives of the Town's appraiser, Associated Appraisal, will be available at the Town Hall on **April 28, 2015 from 3-5 p.m. for Open Book**. Part of the purpose of an "open book" is to allow you to examine other parcels and homes in the Town that you think are equivalent to your property. If after discussions with the appraiser you still believe your property was improperly assessed, you can set up an appointment with the **Board of Review** which is scheduled to meet **May 14, 2015 from 4-6p.m.**

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## Chair Comments



### Mosel Board Sets 2015 Priorities

At its February, 2015 Board meeting, your Mosel Board established five goals that it would like to accomplish in 2015. These goal are not all inclusive, but they do reflect things on which the Board will focus during the current year.

**1) Reach consensus on a long range (10-15 year) plan to upgrade the Town of Mosel road system.**

For over a decade, when asked about the main road priority, we would simply reply “Fix Dairyland Drive.” Now, we must look at what else need to be done.

The initial Board focus will be on the town’s east-west roads, some of which are in an unsatisfactory condition. Each spring, the Board conducts a road inspection. During this year’s inspection, the Board will rate each road, and set a determination on what road needs should be addressed first.

**2) Complete the Town of Mosel Farmland Preservation Plan and receive formal certification from the State.**

The Board, along with the valuable assistance of the Planning & Zoning Commission, has been working on a 10 year plan that will identify which Mosel lands will stay in agricultural use, and which lands will be designated for possible future development. This plan will have important ramifications for Mosel landowners, so we urge you to attend the upcoming public meetings to voice your comments and concerns.

**3) Work closely with town residents and PGA officials to ensure a successful PGA Championship with minimal disruption to town residents’ lives.**

We are proud to host the PGA Championship, which will be viewed by millions of people across the country. Your Board will work closely with PGA officials to make sure that residents near the golf course can move around and get to their homes without hassles or significant delays.

**4) Work on upgrading the Town of Mosel website so that it becomes an important communications tool for Mosel residents and property owners.**

A strong website can be a magnificent way to keep residents informed about developments in our town. This is particularly important during events such as road construction or golf tournaments. We want to create a site that Mosel residents use often and find informative.

**5) Review and upgrade the Town of Mosel ordinances.**

As years go by, some governance issues become important while other lose relevance. We will work with the Planning & Zoning Commission members to eliminate language that is no longer relevant, add elements not previously addressed, and to provide an expanded index to make it easier for Mosel residents to find answers to questions they might have.



**Don't Forget to Vote**-Spring Election April 7, 2015. Polls open 7am – 8pm.  
Contact the Clerk/Treasurer to register and/or request an absentee ballot.

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## Town Working on New Farmland Preservation Plan

Led by the Planning & Zoning Commission, and based on feedback from an informational meeting for land owners held in September of 2014, our town is developing a new 10 year Farmland Preservation Plan. Now labeled The Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative, the plan is intended to preserve productive agricultural land for food and fiber production by creating a new Farmland Preservation Zoning District (FPZ).

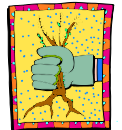
Under the early draft being considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission, all land zoned A-1, or A-3 located north of Garton Road will likely become part of the FPZ. Significant restrictions on non-agriculture development will be imposed in this area. Under the provisions of the new state statute, enforcement will be considerably more stringent than in the past. Land owners who keep their land in agricultural production will continue to be eligible for tax credits.

If you own land in the Town of Mosel that is zoned A-1 or A-3, we urge you to keep yourself informed, because there is a strong chance you will be impacted in some manner. Once the Planning & Zoning Commission is a bit further along, they will hold a public hearing to try to address any questions you might have. You will be informed by mail of this meeting.

The Town of Mosel is working with Kevin Struck of the University of Wisconsin-Extension on developing the new Farmland Preservation Zoning District. According to Wisconsin statutes, the town must have its plan certified by the state before the end of 2016 to continue to participate in the farmland preservation program.

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## Town to Make Effort to Reduce Invasive Weeds



Would you like to participate in a community effort to beautify Mosel and reduce invasive weeds in the town? If this interests you, we have just the project.

We are thinking about getting together a group of Mosel residents, perhaps on a Saturday morning in May, to walk or drive along the town's roads looking for invasive weeds. When we spot some, we will either pull or cut them or, if the patch is too large, identify them for elimination by the County's road crews.

As we inspect the town right of ways, we will also look for significant patches of invasive weeds private land. We will make note of the location and the town will contact the land owner, encouraging him/her to remove the weeds.

Town residents Dan and Cheryl Renzelman thought of this idea. What's more, they agreed to head the effort if a group of residents indicated they would participate. Thank you Dan and Cheryl!

If this community effort interests you, please contact the town hall, the town constable, or any of the town board supervisors. If there is sufficient interest, we will contact you and set up a time for this effort. It's a great opportunity to get out in the fresh air, work together with fellow residents, beautify the town, and help the environment. We hope to hear from you.



## PGA Coming to Town

The eyes of much of the sporting world will be on the Town of Mosel between August 10, 2015 and August 16, 2015 as the PGA Championship comes to Whistling Straits Golf Course in our town. Town officials have been negotiating with PGA and Kohler Co officials to create a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) which details permitted activities during the Tournament. A foremost concern for your town officials is to minimize the disruption that all the traffic and media attention will cause for town residents.

PGA officials are anticipating between 150,000 and 200,000 attendees at the 2015 PGA Championship. This would be a bit less than the attendance at the 2004 Whistling Straits PGA Championship, but more than the attendance at the 2010 PGA Championship in our town. As in the past, the town will distribute car tag to residents in the areas of town most affected by the anticipated traffic. Town officials have also been attending traffic control meetings to assure that traffic flow is as smooth as possible. We have also been reviewing past concerns with PGA officials, and are working to correct any conditions that caused those problems.

This will be the first major golf championship where the I-43 ramp onto Rowe Road is fully functional. We are hoping and expecting that this will significantly expedite traffic movement and lesson the congestion on some of the other town roads. As residents, we should be proud of the attention that will be paid to our town during this nationally televised event. We look forward to working with the PGA to host a tournament that will reflect well on our town and show the world the specialness of our community.

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## Update on Lakeshore Road Relocation

As most Mosel residents are aware, we were unable to complete the relocation of Lakeshore Road (formerly CTY LS) between CTY MM and Orchard Road in 2014. Road crews encountered some soggy soil at the proposed roadbed and had to bring in over 90,000 cubic yards of additional fill. It then got “too cold, too fast” and construction activity was suspended.

Sheboygan County Highway Commissioner Greg Schnell has indicated that, weather permitting, construction activity will resume on April 13, 2015. The initial work will begin on the north end of the project and crews will work their way south.

During the week of April 20th, residents will need to start using the new road as construction crews will begin removing the old LS. At certain points, thru traffic may be blocked and residents may need to use alternate routes to get to their destinations. The final major construction activity will be replacing the large box culvert on the south end of the project.

Tentative completion of the relocation project is early June. Let’s keep our fingers crossed!



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## When Do I Need A Building Permit?



Any improvements to your property requires a Building Permit. If the cost will be less than \$1,000 a permit is not required.

Building Permits are required for new buildings, additions, plumbing, electrical, heating, ventilation installations or replacements, fencing, paving, concrete work, driveways (except gravel), siding, roofing, new windows, interior remodeling, construction around a culvert, pool, etc.

The Building Permit is only good for what is stated on the application and are good for one year. A permit is also required for razing or demolition.

Building Permit applications can be obtained from the Clerk-Treasurer's office or on the website. Building Inspections are also required for new buildings, additions to existing dwellings and some structural alterations.

You must also obtain a permit from the Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation Department for new buildings and additions to existing dwellings if your property is located in the Shoreland District or you want to build near a septic system. Contact the Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation Department at 459-3060 or the Town Clerk-Treasurer to determine if you are in the Shoreland District.

More building regulation information is on our website under Ordinances, Chapter 8

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## Town of Mosel 2015 Construction Activity

During 2014, the Town of Mosel issued building permits covering \$3,127,642.18 of construction. These permits generated \$7471.00 of administrative fees for the town.

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## Attend Local Government Meetings!

Meetings are held at the Mosel Town Hall, W982 County Road FF, and are scheduled as follows:

★ **Town Board**– 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

★ **Planning & Zoning Commission & Board of Appeals** - as needed.

Check website for future meetings.

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## Haven Fire Department Statistics

Our Haven Fire Department had another busy year. During 2014, department firefighters responded to 25 emergencies, resulting in a cumulative 435 hours out on calls.

Some of the emergencies calls included: 7 car accidents or car fires, and 9 house or grass fires. A numbers of the calls were mutual aid responses with surrounding communities.

Remember that in addition to the time out on calls, countless hours are spent in training. These community individuals are all volunteers! They provide an incredible benefit for Mosel residents. Remember thank a Haven Fire Department member every time you see him.





## REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

Advanced Disposal (formerly Veolia) and the Town of Mosel take part in the Single Stream Recycling Program. **ALL** your recyclable items can be put together in a **BLUE** recycling bag. **BLUE** recycling bags can be purchased at Walmart and Menards as well as other retailers. Newspapers and magazines do not need to be bundled and tied. You may place them in the **BLUE** recycling bag along with all your other recyclable items. Larger cardboard boxes should still be broken down and placed in the recycling container. **All trash must still be kept separate** and placed in a **CLEAR** bag in the trash container.

**The following items should be placed in the BLUE bag for recycling:** Aluminum cans, trays & foil, steel & tin cans (food cans ONLY), glass bottles & jars—clear, green & brown, newspapers (including inserts), magazines, catalogs and phone books, #1-#7 plastics, junk mail & envelopes (including windowed envelopes), shredded paper, brown paper bags, cardboard (broken down-no waxed cardboard), office paper, computer paper, notebook paper, chipboard (cereal, cake & food mix boxes - any plastic liners removed), carrier stock (soda & beer carrying cases), and paperback books (hard cover with front and backs removed)

**The following items should be placed in a CLEAR trash bag DO NOT PUT TRASH IN A DARK BAG:** plastic bags & aluminum foil, plastic toys & flower pots, household trash/garbage, polystyrene, Styrofoam, window or auto glass, insecticide, herbicide or hazardous chemical containers, light bulbs, frozen food boxes, pizza boxes or carryout wrappers, dairy carton boxes, holiday wrapping paper, contaminated paper, ceramics, drinking glasses, tissue products/ paper toweling, and plastic film (plastic sheets, tarps or wrap).

**For disposing of electronics or anything containing refrigerants contact Earthwise Recycling LLC 920-467-9951 or [www.earthwiserecyclingllc.com](http://www.earthwiserecyclingllc.com). They are NOT Allowed at the Transfer Station!**

The Transfer Station is open the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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## Dog Licenses Due April 1<sup>st</sup>

A reminder to town of Mosel residence who own a dog at least 5 months old, you must obtain a dog license. This is a state statute, but it is important for a couple reasons. First, if a Mosel dog bites someone, authorities will be able to identify the dog to make sure its rabies are up to date. Second, if your dog get lost, a license will allow the authorities to identify your pet and return it to you. Fees are as follows: Neutered/Spayed dogs are **\$6.00**. Unneutered/Unspayed dogs are **\$13.00**. The cost for a kennel is **\$60.00**. Dog license applications can be printed off the Town of Mosel website. They can also be obtained from the clerk/treasurer. In addition to a filled out application and the appropriate fee, you must send a copy of the current rabies certificate (not payment receipt). You must also send along a self-addressed envelope so we can send back the receipt and dog tag. A **late fee of \$10.00** per dog will be charged **after April 1<sup>st</sup>**, so please make an effort to get your dog license renewed promptly.

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