



TOWN OF MOSEL * FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT CHANGE REGARDING TAX PAYMENTS!!!

**Property tax payment options
significantly changed.**

**The Sheboygan County
Treasurer's office will no longer
collect first installment property
tax payments.**

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**Please attend Town of Mosel's
2012 BUDGET HEARING
NOVEMBER 17, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

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IMPORTANT TAX PAYMENT CHANGES

First installment tax payments for the Town of Mosel will no longer be accepted at the Sheboygan County Treasurer's Office or any branch of Community Bank & Trust.

You have the following options to make payments:

- ❖ In-person payments (Check ONLY made payable to Town of Mosel) will be accepted at the Town of Mosel Hall, W982 County Road FF, Sheboygan during office hours. **You must bring your tax bill with you.**
- ❖ In-person payments (Cash or Check made payable to Town of Mosel) will be accepted at the Cleveland State Bank (lobby only), 502 S. Wisconsin Drive, Howards Grove WI and the Cleveland State Bank (lobby only), 1250 W. Washington Avenue, Cleveland, WI during lobby hours. **You must bring your tax bill with you.**
- ❖ Drop Box payments can be made at Cleveland State Bank, located in the Drive-Thru at 502 S. Wisconsin Drive, Howards Grove WI or Cleveland State Bank, 1250 W. Washington Avenue, Cleveland, WI. **You must include your tax bill with payment. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you are requesting a receipt.**
- ❖ Tax payments may be mailed to: Town of Mosel, c/o Cleveland State Bank, P. O. Box 158, Cleveland, WI 53015-0158. Check ONLY payable to Town of Mosel and **include your tax bill. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you are requesting a receipt.**

Real Estate taxes may be paid semi-annually without penalty or interest if the first half of the payment is made by January 31, 2012 to the Town of Mosel and the balance to the Sheboygan County Treasurer, 508 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081 by July 31, 2012.

Personal Property taxes must be paid in full by January 31, 2012.

Delinquent Real Estate taxes must be paid to the Sheboygan County Treasurer, 508 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081. Delinquent Personal Property taxes must be paid to the Town of Mosel, W932 County Road FF, Sheboygan, WI 53083.

Tax bills will be mailed no later than the 3rd Monday of December (December 19, 2011) per Wisconsin State Statute.



TOWN OF MOSEL POPULATION DECLINES

The U.S. Census Bureau has reported that the January 1, 2010 population for the Town of Mosel is 790 individuals. In 2000, the Census Bureau reported 839 individuals lived in Mosel.

Town officials attributed the decline to a stable but aging population. Several town residents died or entered nursing homes over the previous decade. A number of young adults also left their parents' homes to establish themselves independently.

WISCONSIN'S NEW VOTER PHOTO ID LAW



Wisconsin law requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID to vote starting with the 2012 February Primary and requires a voter to sign the poll list unless a disability prevents them from doing so.

Acceptable photo ID is one of the following: *(the photo ID is not required to have a current address)*

- A Wisconsin DOT issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended. *It must have an expiration date after the November 2, 2010 election.*
- A Wisconsin DOT issued identification card. *It must have an expiration date after the November 2, 2010 election.*
- A Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service. *It must have an expiration date after the November 2, 2010 election.*
- A U.S. passport. *It must have an expiration date after the November 2, 2010 election.*
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented.
- An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT.
- An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT.
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin.
- An unexpired identification card and fee payment receipt issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and expiration date not later than two years after date of issuance; and student must also provide proof of enrollment with ID.

Wisconsin law requires the Department of Transportation to provide FREE ID cards to any individual who will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election and who requests a free ID for the purpose of voting. The regular fee is \$28. Due to the need to provide a birth certificate and other documents to receive a DOT issued ID, individuals should start the process of obtaining a statutory identification well in advance of an election at which they wish to vote.

TOWN/COUNTY SHERIFF COLLABORATION



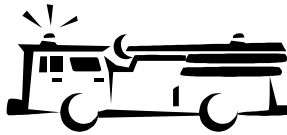
Your Town of Mosel officials have been working with the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department to better coordinate law enforcement in Mosel. The Department has been developing a community policing approach in partnership with the county's towns and villages. To

better understand the issues that concern Mosel residents, we are enclosing a community survey developed by County law enforcement.

Please fill it out and return it to the Sheriff's Department or to the Town Hall so your concerns can be heard and addressed.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE FIREHOUSE?

The Haven Fire Department continues to provide dependable and reliable fire protection for the Town of Mosel and the surrounding area through our mutual aid agreements. There are currently 24 firefighters on the roster, with 2 retiring members and 1 recently joining. If any individual is interested in exploring joining the department, they should contact the Chief at 920-946-1155.



With a vacancy in the Chief's position, a few personnel changes have occurred in the department. Thad Athorp is our new Chief and he has filled the other officer positions appropriately.

In 2011, the department was successful in obtaining a federal grant in the amount of \$14,300, which has enabled the department to purchase new fire hose. In addition to these changes, the department is currently searching for a different rescue truck to replace the 1975 equipment van, which has become challenging to service due to its age.

We would encourage anyone with questions concerning the department to contact Chief Athorp, or the Fire Board President Todd Grunwald.

The most recent retiree of the department is Brian Wunsch with 35 years of active firefighting, 14 of which were as Chief. The department is grateful and appreciative of the service that Brian has given his community over the years.

POSTING LOCATIONS



Information and legal notices are posted at the following locations:

- ★ **Mosel Town Hall** - W982 County Road FF
- ★ **Joe's Hometown Auto** - N7451 Werthmann Lane (off State Highway 42)
- ★ **The Transfer Station** on Rowe Road

Those matters that require publication are printed in *The Plymouth Review*. Anything that is required to be published will also be posted at all three posting locations and on our website.

PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET LEAVES TAX LEVY UNCHANGED

At the November 17, 2011 Annual Budget Meeting, the Mosel Town Board will be presenting a balanced budget proposal to town residents that leaves the town property tax levy unchanged.

Mosel is anticipating revenues of \$283,260 with expenditures of the same amount. The proposed property tax levy will be \$177,462. The proposed tax levy, while unchanged from 2011, is slightly less than the 2010 levy of \$177,536.

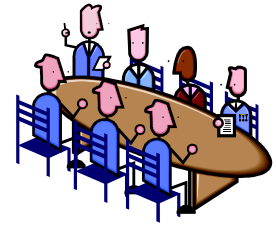
In 2012, the town will be receiving less assistance from the state of Wisconsin. While General Transportation Aid will be unchanged at \$58,873, state shared revenues are expected to decrease from \$16,066 to \$13,065.

Town of Mosel residents are encouraged to attend the Annual Budget meeting at the Town Hall on November 17, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Town officials will explain the underlying assumptions in the budget and will attempt to answer any questions you might have.

ATTEND A TOWN GOVERNMENT MEETING

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 second Tuesday of each month.
- ★ **Planning & Zoning Commission**– 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month as needed.
- ★ **Board of Appeals** – As needed.



Check the website and posting places for any changes or for additional meetings that may be scheduled throughout the month.

TRANSFER STATION UPDATE

Gus Holman Company located at 3313 N. 21st Street, Sheboygan will now accept appliances at no charge (including Freon-bearing appliances). Call 457-2431 for more information. They are open Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity Restore is now accepting Electronic Equipment. Please drop off during store hours only at 4110 State Highway 42 (formerly Big Wheel Skate Center). The store is open Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. This service is free but they ask you to consider giving them a donation.

The Transfer Station is open the **first Saturday** of the month from **9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** and the **third Saturday** of the month from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The Transfer Station is located on Rowe Road between Dairyland Drive and County Road LS (east of Railroad tracks).

Check the Town's website for up-to-date information on our recycling program.

CONSTRUCTION OF ROWE ROAD - I-43 ENTRANCE RAMP TO OCCUR IN SUMMER 2012



The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT) has received final approval from the federal government to

move forward with the construction of its proposed I-43 - Rowe Road entrance ramp.

Bid letting is scheduled for February 14, 2011. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-July, 2012.

Road construction equipment will be allowed to utilize Rowe Road between the existing Rowe Road exit ramp terminal and the new Rowe Road entrance ramp terminal. However, because of the strong possibility of road damage resulting from the movement of heavy equipment, the WDOT has agreed to replace the asphalt on that portion of Rowe Road when the project is completed.

As the town receives new information, it will be posted on the Town of Mosel website.

Check out the Town of Mosel's Website: townofmosel.com

CLERK-TREASURER OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

**Hours are subject to change.*

To verify hours, please call the Town Hall at 565-3700. Hours will also be posted on the Town Hall door.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CONSIDERING RELOCATING PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD

Concerned about the deteriorating condition of the portion of County Road LS between County Road MM and Orchard Road, the Sheboygan County Highway Department is proposing relocating the road further west. Proposed construction would take place in 2014.

The County has hired a consultant to conduct a feasibility study. On August 17, 2011, a public hearing was conducted at the Town of Mosel Town Hall, attended by approximately 40 people.

The proposed relocation dramatically affects town residents living along that portion of County Road LS. Instead of passing in front of their homes, the road would pass behind their homes. Farmland will be lost and

driveway access will completely change.

The County Road LS neighbors have met and selected a spokesperson to represent their interests. Your town board officials are working very closely with these residents to assure that their concerns are heard and addressed. The Sheboygan County Highway Department has been very willing to meet with residents and to try to deal with their concerns. The town board and our County Road LS neighbors are very appreciative of this open-minded approach. We look forward to coming up with a design that works best for all our County Road LS neighbors.



BOOKMOBILE STOPS IN HAVEN

Every other Wednesday from 3:45-4:30 p.m. the Eastern Shores Library System Bookmobile stops at the Mosel Town Hall. You can get books from the Bookmobile's collection or they will bring you books from any library in the Eastern Shores Library system. You can



even request books via the internet at www.easicat.net. You can contact the Bookmobile for more information at 208-4900, ext. 15. The remaining 2011 scheduled dates are:

Nov. 2, Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 14

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS



This newsletter is mailed to Mosel residents, property owners, and other interested people. Please contact the Clerk-Treasurer if there are any address corrections or if you know of anyone who would like to receive this newsletter and did not.

2012 DOG LICENSING INFORMATION



Dog licenses for 2012 will be available at the Clerk-Treasurer's office beginning **DECEMBER 1, 2011**. If you own or keep a dog in the Town of Mosel over 5 months old, you must obtain a license (per State Statute 174.05).

Neutered/Spayed dogs are **\$6**
Unneutered/Unspayed dogs are **\$13**
The cost for a kennel license is **\$60**

****A late fee of \$10 PER DOG will be charged after April 1, 2012****

An application for a Dog License is below and on the website.

To obtain a license, please return the application, copy of the rabies certificate (not the payment receipt), appropriate fee (payable to Town of Mosel), and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Town of Mosel, W982 County Road FF, Sheboygan, WI 53083. You may also request a dog license in person during office hours or place in drop box.

All licenses expire December 31, 2012 regardless of when they were issued during the year.

You can obtain the Dog License form under permits on the website.

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W982 County Road FF
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