



Town of Chase Annual Newsletter

December 2011

[Message From Your Board](#)

It has been a busy year for the Town! We have continued our Stone Barn restoration fundraising efforts and have surpassed \$200,000 but still need roughly \$87,000 to receive our \$143,000 challenge grant. So, please consider a donation if you haven't done so to help us receive this generous offer! Work on the barn has been moving along and the driveway and parking lot are now in process. Archaeological excavating has been complete and the reports will be presented at the next annual picnic, so mark your calendars for June 30, 2012! Work is also being done on the sledding hill and walking trails as materials come in. We have also purchased the land adjacent to the town hall for future expansion. Several important road projects were completed this year, the most significantly being Brown County Line Road. Speed limit and sign changes have also occurred throughout the township based on resident concerns and safety issues. This highlights just a few of the major changes you may have noticed over the past year as our town grows and changes. Stay tuned for a great 2012 as we continue to serve the needs of all our residents.

[Regular Monthly Board Meetings](#)

All Town Board meetings are held at the Chase Town Hall on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:30 pm to take care of all town business. If you have an issue, please call the clerk at least one week before the meeting to be considered for the agenda.

[Planning Commission Meetings](#)

Local Planning Commission meetings are held at the Chase Town Hall on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. All persons filing for a rezone, conditional use permit, and certified survey map (CSM), variance, or plat, must bring their petition along with the required fee to the clerk/secretary of the Local Planning Commission, by the 1st of the month in order to be included on the agenda. You will **not** be heard if you are not on the agenda. You will be required to complete a form at that time stating what you plan to do. The fees are as follows: \$150.00 each for a rezone, conditional use permit, variance, and certified survey map (CSM). A plat review is \$500.00. Please contact the town clerk to be included on the agenda.

Please HELP! The Fund Raising deadline is June 30, 2012 for us to receive the generous challenge grant of \$143,000!



Preliminary Future Park Design



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Important Links/Info:

- [Town of Chase Website](#)
- [Annual Picnic – June 30, 2012](#)

Please Help Preserve Our History and Reach Our Goal - Make a Tax Deductible Donation Today!

Make Check or Money Order Payable to: Town of Chase Treasurer include memo on check: Stone Barn Park Fund

Send to: Jolene Schwarm, 1330 Haywood Lane, Sobieski, WI 54171.

A receipt will be mailed to you.



“Future Site of the Chase Stone Barn Park, Venue, and Museum”

TOWN OF CHASE ♦ 8246 Cty S ♦ Pulaski, WI 54162

♦ View our webpage at www.townofchase.org ♦

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Building Inspections

The Chase ordinance requires inspections for all new 1 & 2 family homes, additions, or remodeling. There is a \$650 Impact Fee required for all new home construction. Permits are required for all new driveways. Construction Deposits up to \$1000.00 may be required for building permits. Building permits are required for decks, accessory buildings, and finishing basements. For more information, please contact the Building Inspector, Ralph Witte 920-321-8937. Applicable forms can be found on the website.

Burning Permits

You must obtain a burning permit. You are only allowed to burn **personal papers** in burning barrels; see the permit for a full list of restrictions. To get your FREE permit, contact one of the Fire Warden's, Jeanne Wroblewski or Dennis Kroll. Don't forget – you must call the burning permit hotline or check the DNR website to obtain the current burning restrictions in your area if you wish to burn. It is also **highly** recommended that you call your local fire protection agency. The Pulaski non-emergency fire department number is 920-822-5392. Per Town Ordinance for fire cost reimbursement the landowner will be charged for the actual cost of any fire runs. So it is very important to take these steps to *avoid unnecessary charges*.

Hall Rent

The Town Hall is a GREAT place to have a party, family reunion, wedding reception, craft or rummage sale, etc. The hall can seat about 100 people. The kitchen is equipped with a refrigerator, stove, oven, microwave, and coffee pots (you must provide your own utensils). There is a large open shelter with several picnic tables located behind the hall. Back yard recreation includes two horse shoe pits, a sandbox, swing sets, and a volleyball court. The hall can be rented for \$75.00 per event for residents and \$125.00 for non-residents. A \$75.00 deposit is required prior to any rental. The deposit will be returned after the hall is inspected to check for damage and/or if any extra cleaning is required. To schedule a rental date, please call the Deputy Clerk at 822-3362. Rental forms are also available on the town website.

Dog Licenses

Yearly dog licenses are required for all dogs over 5 months of age. Dog license application forms are included in this newsletter and are also available through the town treasurer and on the town website. You should always have some type of ID on your dogs, especially puppies. Report all lost dogs to Sue Gracyalny, the town Animal Control Officer, at 822-2727, and also the local area Humane Societies. Post signs where the dog was last seen, and at all local businesses in your area. You may also want to place an ad in the local newspapers. If your unlicensed dog is picked up by Animal Control, you may be required to pay a pound fee (up to \$35.00) and a new dog license fee. You will also have to show proof of rabies vaccination, and have a dog license ON the dog's collar before the dog will be released. It is the dog owner's responsibility to keep the dog on their property and provide the dog with adequate food, water and appropriate shelter.

Town Website/Email List

Have you checked out www.townofchase.org lately? This site contains all the town information, including meetings dates, times and minutes, financial reports, licenses, permits, dog license and hall rental forms, recycling center hours, and much, much more! You can also stay up to date on the stone barn renovations and park development. If you would like to be on the town email list click "Get On Email List."



Election Dates

- February 21, 2012 - Spring Primary
- April 3, 2012 - Spring Election & Presidential Preference
- August 14, 2012 - Partisan Primary
- Nov. 6, 2012 - General Election

Polling Location: Chase Community Hall 8481 County S, Poll hours: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registration, absentee ballot and general election information can also be found on the town website.

Public Postings

All town meetings are posted in the three town display boxes and on the town website. The display boxes are located at the Recycling Center, North Chase Citgo, and South Chase Saloon. In addition to the town display boxes, special notices (like elections) are posted in the Oconto County Reporter, and regular board meetings are posted in the Green Bay Press-Gazette under the "Meetings" column.



Remember keep all important Town information and phone numbers!

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Old Land Fill

The old town landfill is a 40 acre parcel of which about 35 acres is hardwoods. The town plans to develop trails in the wooded area which can be used for things like nature walks, biking, bird watching, and cross-country skiing. The plans for the old landfill site, which is now a beautiful field surrounded by woods, includes a playground, shelter, picnic areas, and a sledding hill in the winter. The open field can be used for many kinds of recreational events. If you would like to help in the development of the park, please call Richard Huben at 822-3505.

Snow Obstructions on Roadways

By order of the Oconto County Highway Committee, pushing snow or other materials onto or across roadways can cause accidents and death and is prohibited by WI Statutes 86.1, and/or 346.94 (5). You will be held responsible for all penalties and liabilities if you do not comply.

Fire Numbers

Please do *not* move your fire number sign! The county requires that they be located near your driveway and the road, standing straight up and CLEARLY VISIBLE so that emergency vehicles are able to find your home.

Mail Boxes & Newspaper Receptacles

By order of the Oconto County Highway Committee, bases for mail boxes and receptacles shall be placed two feet from the back of the shoulder of the road; the box shall be 46 inches above the grade of the shoulder, and the front of the box shall not extend beyond the back of the shoulder of the road, and must be able to withstand flying snow and slush from traffic and snowplows. The Highway Dept will not be held responsible for damaged mailboxes or receptacles if they were not installed properly.

Ornamental Stones on Culvert Pipe

By order of the Oconto County Highway Committee, decorative stones and other ornamental materials are prohibited within the road right-of-way, which is 33 feet from the centerline of the road. This includes decorative stones that cover the ends culvert pipes. These stones can obstruct the snow plow blade and cause damage to the blade, culvert pipe, and driveway.

Drainage Ditches

Property owners are asked to keep the drainage ditches on their property clean and clear of overgrowth, brush, and debris to keep the water flowing properly to avoid flooding or other issues.

Wish List for the Local Humane Societies

The Oconto County Humane Society is in desperate need of blankets, rugs, bleach, liquid detergent, paper towels, plastic bags, cat litter, cat and dog food, toys, rawhides, copy paper, etc. They are also in need of volunteers and cash donations. You may drop off items at the Oconto Area Humane Society, 150 South Katch Dr, Oconto, or the Chase Recycling Center during open hours. Please visit www.ocontoareahumane.org or www.townofchase.org for more info.

Did you get your Lottery Credit?

If you resided in your home as of January 1, 2011, and it was your primary residence, then you are entitled to receive a lottery credit on your 2011 tax bill.

To see if you received the credit, look on your tax bill near the bottom of the 2011 column. If you received the credit, it will be \$86.45 (Pulaski School District) or \$92.43 (Oconto Falls School District) if you did not get the credit, it will be .00.

If you feel you are entitled to a lottery credit, do the following:

- 1) Call the Treasurer, Jolene Schwarm, at 822-3322 and request a Lottery Credit Application Card to be mailed to you. If you get the answering machine, please speak *clearly and slowly* and leave your name, address, parcel number, and phone number, and an application will be mailed to you.
- 2) Fill in the requested information. (Make sure to sign and date it.)
- 3) Deduct the lottery credit amount off the amount due on your tax bill.
- 4) Make your check payable to the Town of Chase Treasurer.
- 5) Mail application, tax payment, and copy of your tax bill to: Jolene Schwarm, 1330 Haywood Lane, Sobieski, WI 54171.

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TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

HOW DO I PAY MY TAXES? The preferred way is by mail. (Sorry, the treasurer does **not** collect taxes at her home).

CAN I PAY IN PERSON? Yes. The treasurer will collect taxes at the town hall on the following days:

DECEMBER:	Wednesday	12/28/11	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
JANUARY:	Saturday	01/28/12	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

DO YOU HAVE A DROP BOX? Yes. It is located INSIDE the town hall. Bring your payment to the hall on one of the scheduled days and drop it in the slot next to the treasurer's window. You do not need to wait in line. INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE if you would like a receipt mailed to you.

WHO DO I MAKE MY CHECK PAYABLE TO? Make checks payable to "TOWN OF CHASE TREASURER"

DO YOU TAKE CASH OR CREDIT CARDS? No.

WHERE DO I MAIL MY TAX PAYEMENT? During town tax collections (Dec – Jan 31st, 2012) mail your tax payment, along with your remittance stub to: Jolene Schwarm, 1330 Haywood Lane, Sobieski, WI 54171. All payments made after the town collections (Feb 1st – Nov 2012) get mailed to the Oconto County Treasurer, 301 Washington St., Oconto, WI 54153. INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE IF A RECEIPT IS NEEDED.

DO YOU ACCEPT ESCROW CHECKS? Yes. Sign the back of your check if it is made out to both you AND the treasurer. If your escrow check is made out for more than your tax bill, a refund will be mailed back to you. If your escrow check is for less than your tax bill, you will need to submit another check for the difference.

HOW DO I CHANGE THE ADDRESS ON MY TAX BILL? Make the corrections on the tax stub that you mail in with your payment.

CAN I MAKE A HALF PAYMENT? Yes. You must pay at LEAST the 1st Installment (1st Half) shown on your tax bill by Jan 31, 2012. But you can pay the whole amount if you choose.

HOW DO I PAY MY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES? All Personal Property tax payments are due IN FULL by Jan 31, 2012.

DO POSTMARKS COUNT? Yes. If your payment is postmarked by Jan 31, 2012 it will not be considered late.

HOW DO I PAY MY 2ND HALF? The 2nd Installment (2ND Half) is due by July 31, 2012 to the Oconto County Treasurer. It is YOUR responsibility to remember to pay your 2nd half on time, as the county does NOT mail out reminder notices. Make check payable to the Oconto County Treasurer and mail to: Oconto County Treasurer, 301 Washington St, Oconto, WI 54153.

HOW DO I MAKE A LATE "REAL ESTATE" PAYMENT? Payments are late if they are not postmarked by Jan 31st, 2012. All late payments will be charged 1% interest per month on the unpaid balance. Make check payable to the Oconto County Treasurer and mail to: Oconto County Treasurer, 301 Washington St, Oconto, WI 54153.

HOW DO I MAKE A LATE "PERSONAL PROPERTY" PAYMENT? Payments are late if they are not postmarked by Jan 31, 2012. All late payments will be charged 1% interest per month on the unpaid balance. Make check payable to the Town of Chase Treasurer (Not the County Treasurer) and mail to: Jolene Schwarm, 1330 Haywood Lane, Sobieski, WI 54171.

HOW DO I GET AN OVERPAYMENT REFUNDED? Refund checks will be issued only when the submitted check is for more than the FULL amount of the tax bill. Please allow 2-3 weeks to receive your refund check from the time you send in your payment. Sorry, no refund checks will be issued in person