



WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING & PARKS DEPARTMENT *e-newsletter* *Fall / Winter 2016*

- **Message from Jamie Ludovic, Central Services Director.** It is with great excitement and commitment that I welcome the opportunity to serve the residents of Washington County as the Central Services Director. I look forward to leading the Planning and Parks Department and its team of dedicated and talented employees. Our future is exciting to me and, I hope, to all of you. I look forward to involving you in several important processes that will help us function more efficiently and effectively. [click here.](#)
- **And the new slogan is. . . . “Your Washington County. Your Parks”** A special thank you to everyone who provided slogans for the Washington County Planning and Parks Department Slogan Contest! Congratulations to Natalie Dorler, winner of the 18 holes of weekday golf for 2 players at the Washington County Golf Course.
- **You Are Invited to Attend a Parks Public Participation Meeting.**

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!! WASHINGTON COUNTY PARKS STRATEGIC PLANNING - FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY MEETING - YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED & IMPORTANT!

 - Monday, January 23rd at 5:00 p.m. - City of West Bend PD Classroom, 1115 S. Main St., West Bend, WI 53095 (PD Classroom is the first room on the right after entering City Hall)
 - Tuesday, January 24th at 6:00 p.m. - Germantown Library Meeting Room, N112W16957 Mequon Rd., Germantown, WI 53022. [click here.](#)
- **2017 Tree & Prairie Seed Program.** We are currently accepting orders for the Washington County’s Tree & Prairie Seed Program. Trees and native prairie help conserve energy, cut down wind, muffle noise, reduce runoff, protect soil and improve our water resources. Orders due by March 3, 2017. [click here.](#)
- **Changes in POWTS Maintenance Program.** Starting in 2017 notices will be sent to all property owners with a Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (POWTS) requiring maintenance to be completed on their POWTS. Currently, only POWTS installed since November 1979 are required to be on the maintenance program. Wisconsin Administrative Code SPS 383 requires all POWTS (regardless of installation date) to have maintenance completed by October 2019. Approximately 8,000 more systems will be added to the maintenance program by October 2019. We are phasing in those 8,000 systems over the next 3 years to comply with the deadline. Currently, approximately 13,000 systems are on the maintenance program. Find your POWTS system on the website - [click here.](#)
- **Sanitary Permit Review Authority.** The Land Use Division has requested “Agent Status” for plan approval of typical mound, at-grade and inground pressure POWTS from the State Department of Safety & Professional Services. If granted, the Land Use Division will be a one stop shopping destination for plumbers to obtain most sanitary permits. Currently, plumbers must submit these types of systems to the State first for plan approval. After the plumber obtains plan approval from the State, the plan approval along with a County Sanitary Permit application must be submitted to the County. Having “Agent Status” will allow a plumber to submit to one Agency only to get plan approval and a sanitary permit except for larger type systems. The 2017 Land Use Division budget projects an additional \$25,000 in revenue based on having the “Agent Status” authority.

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- **Golf Shop Holiday Gift Sale.** The golf shop at the Washington County Golf Course located at 6439 Clover Road, Hartford WI will remain open through December 23rd for merchandise and gift card sales. For those of you who want to keep your game sharp for that trip south or keep your swing on track for the spring season you can sign up for indoor golf lessons with PGA Pro Craig Czerniejewski. Please call 262.670.6616 or check our website at <http://golfwcgc.com/> for golf shop hours or to schedule a lesson.
- **City of Oconomowoc has first Adaptive Management Program in State.** Adaptive management is a phosphorus compliance option that allows point and nonpoint sources (e.g. agricultural producers, storm water utilities, developers) to work together to improve water quality. In Washington County, the Oconomowoc watershed extends from the southwest corner of the county up to Slinger. If you live in this area contact the Land and Water Conservation Office on ways to get involved. [click here.](#)
- **Milwaukee River Watershed Conservation Partnership focuses on Cedar Creek.** Major landowners and farmers in the cedar creek watershed will soon be contacted to evaluate benefits of agricultural conservation practices or to discuss the preservation of farmland through conservation easements. A producer-led group is being sought to promote conservation through the sharing of ideas, concerns, priorities and lessons learned about conservation farming efforts. [click here.](#)
- **Think warm thoughts: Plan for Spring!**
Do you realize the rainwater that comes off your driveway and lawns flows down streets or ditches can become contaminated? In its path, runoff water picks up litter, yard waste, lawn and auto chemicals and other debris. That flow of polluted water typically ends up in our rivers, lakes and streams. Do your part to help clean and reduce runoff; start preparing now for Spring! Easy homeowner conservation efforts include installing a rain barrel ([click here to purchase a rain barrel](#)) or constructing a rain garden. [Click here to learn more about rain gardens.](#)



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From Ours ...
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