

# CITY OF WASHBURN

## QUARTERLY

# NEWSLETTER



End of Year 2020

### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

#### Winter Flurries

There has been a flurry of activity in the last quarter of 2020. From completing the 5th election of the year to passing the 2021 budget, approving a public participation plan for the Comprehensive Plan Revision process, resuming meetings with the DOT about the Bayfield Street reconstruction and getting the tax bills mailed out, there's been a lot happening behind the doors at City Hall. If you do need to get in touch with staff, just call or email and they will be happy to help during normal business hours (M-F 7:30-4:30). Since Washburn accounts for nearly 25% of the COVID-19 cases in Bayfield County, it's important to do everything we can to stop the spread and keep everyone healthy so for now the doors will remain closed, but rest assured staff are working hard and will continue to do so.

We also saw some actual snow flurries recently and the Department of Public Works did a great job of getting streets and alleys cleared early on Christmas Eve. Great job, guys!

#### COVID-19 RESOURCES

If You are in need of information or resources regarding COVID-19, there is a page on the City's website with lots of information and links to resources including an application for the Business Relief Loan Program. Go to [www.cityofwashburn.org](http://www.cityofwashburn.org) and click on the "COVID-19" menu item on the top right side.

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#### It's a Wonderful Life

Wouldn't it be nice to have a guardian angel like "Clarence" in the classic holiday movie "It's a Wonderful Life?" Well, we do have some guardian angels in Washburn who help to save the lives of Washburn area residents and visitors. I'm referring to our Emergency Services volunteers.

Our EMTs are community members who go through training so that when you have a medical emergency, they can come to your rescue. They receive a small stipend for being on call and responding to calls for an ambulance. The threat of COVID-19 has affected the number of active EMTs that are able to go out on calls due to health concerns for themselves and/or family members. For the past 9 months, there have only been about 10 EMTs available for these critical calls. On top of that, there have been a record number of calls that have come in – over 500 calls compared with an average of 450 over the past few years, putting further strain on the system.

It's easy to take for granted that someone will be there to respond when we call "9-1-1" for a medical emergency. These responders are our neighbors and friends who didn't have any special skills or knowledge before their training. You will find out soon who has "earned their wings" in 2020 as an EMT in Washburn. In the meanwhile, ask yourself if you are willing to answer the call and be there when someone needs help. You don't really need to be a guardian angel – you just need to be willing to learn how to help save lives. It is, indeed, a Wonderful Life. Let's not take it for granted.

*- Mayor Mary Motiff*

## 2021 CITY OF WASHBURN DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

It is required by law that dog owners obtain a license for each dog owned. This year, we are processing dog licenses by mail. You must show proof of your dog's rabies vaccination, so please enclose a copy of that with your application and payment. The fees are as follows: Neutered or Spayed = \$6.00 per dog; All others = \$16 per dog

Please fill out the information below and return with the vaccination information and fee to the City of Washburn by using the drop box at the Washburn City Hall or by mailing to the City of Washburn, PO Box 638, Washburn WI 54891. Once we process your application, a dog tag will be mailed back to you. If you have more than two dogs or need an additional copy of this form, it is available at <http://www.cityofwashburn.org/city-government.html> .

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Owners Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female – Neutered \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rabies Vaccination \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female – Neutered \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rabies Vaccination \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- Due to Covid, City Hall is closed for most in-person most business. Please mail your payment or utilize the drop box at City Hall
- If you would like a receipt, please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope
- If you need a copy of your bill, a statement, or a receipt, please visit <https://novus.bayfieldcounty.org/>
- Please DO NOT include utility payments on the same check as tax payments.
- If making a half or partial payment, the second half of your tax payment is due to the Bayfield County Treasurer by the end of July.

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