



From the Chair

Hello McMillan Residents,

For the last few months, we have seen many all-terrain vehicles going past our homes. The Marathon County Sheriff's Department has said they have received many complaints about our area. Many are going down roads **NOT** allowing all-terrain vehicles. Many of you have worked hard at getting permission to ride on the county and town roads. We don't want to lose those privileges. Please be mindful of where you are riding.

I have been working with the DOT and Engineers on the grant for Mann Street to get it changed to Two (2) miles instead of One (1). **WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL. IF everything goes as planned, we will be redoing Mann Street next year, 2024.**

The crack-filling is currently being done. Bid requests have been put out for chip sealing Marsh Road and Makenna. Also, culverts on St Joseph and One mile have been replaced.

I have currently been applying for grants for our roads, hopefully we will be one of the chosen ones. We are currently waiting to hear if we received/or were denied the Grant for redoing Galvin from Elm Tree to County Trk C which was applied for this spring.

I have gone with the Engineer to look at Zig and Schauer Creek in hopes of finding a remedy for water drainage for these roads. Currently waiting for their recommendation.

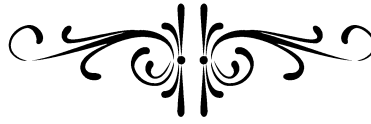
I know all our roads need work as this last winter really took its toll. I will do the best I can. Funding is limited as always but hopefully we will receive a grant or two to help.

I have only had one meeting with the highway committee to date but have been making out a list on what needs to be looked at and with their help I'm sure we will be able to prioritize the roads that need attention. We will also be working on our Capital Improvement Plan for necessary updates.

I would again like to thank our committee members and volunteers that have come forward. Your help is needed and appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns – please call 715-387-2078.

Deb Derfus
Chairman and Highway Supervisor



Garbage & Recycling

The Northwest Recycling Board met May 17, 2023. The tire recycling report that was held on Saturday, April 27th was given. There were 52.85 tons of tires collected for a cost to the Recycling Board of \$16,912.00.

We also met June 28, 2023, for a special meeting with Waste Management for a new contract amendment for a new fuel sur charge to take effect July 1, 2023, recycle services household/cart charge would increase from \$3.53 to \$3.95/month with similar increases for the remainder of the contract 2024 to 2026. New prices will go into effect July 2023 through the rest of the year.

Residents who request an additional recycling cart can request one from the township via e-mail or phone to the town clerk or myself and will be billed by Waste Management for the additional carts.

Any questions please call me at: 715-486-6243

Thank You,

Dave Swenson

LIBRARY REPORT

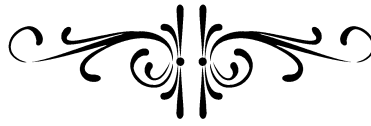
With the fall and the start of a new school year approaching, look to take advantage of all the events and resources that the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library has to offer. The library event schedule can be found here: <https://marshfieldlibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar>

For those of you who are mobile app savvy, check out the LINKcat app which allows you full access to your library account and all the catalog resources available. Apps are available for Apple and Android users – just search the apps for LINKcat Mobile or go to the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library site or link at <https://help.linkcat.info/linkcat-mobile-app>.

Also remember that the library has a great genealogy resource available to its members. Subscribe to the Local History & Genealogy Programming Newsletter for monthly newsletters detailing the upcoming 'Spoken History and Family History Talks' programs as well as other related programs. <https://marshfieldlibrary.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=49d9927552bd7e68b031de44b&id=134fd8a2c4>

Dan Gotto - Supervisor





Policies and Procedures – Ordinances

Greetings -

The policies and procedures for the Town of McMillan are actively being reviewed and updated. 2001 was when the policies were written and approved. The policies and procedures focus on Human Resources, Administrative topics, and Forms.

The board will approve the policies at upcoming meetings throughout the year.

The McMillan Township Ordinances can be found online at:

<https://www.townofmcmillan.gov/ordinances/>. Please note the town of McMillan follows and has adopted many Ordinances from Marathon County. As a reference, those Marathon County Ordinances can be found online at:

https://library.municode.com/wi/marathon_county/codes/code_of_ordinances

One thing that I would like you to be aware of regarding Ordinances is that the local government ordinances can be more restrictive than the state statutes that already exist. I'm happy to assist if you have any questions on this matter.

Nicole Forst - Town Supervisor 715-207-7185

Buildings and Grounds

The grounds of the Fire Department and the Park have been a continuous project since the beginning of Spring. We purchased a new John Deere lawn mower and convinced Rodney Bauer to become our Grounds Keeper which will help us keep better control of our maintenance and expenditures. A young helper, Trevor Forst is assisting with weeding, raking the playground, and trimming, etc.

The playground equipment had some Winter damage which had to be replaced. Mike Glinski and Dewey Rotar, town residents are helping with the repair work. Nancy and Clyde Wynia have provided the beautiful flowers and their care in the big pots in the park again this year. Keeping the Baseball diamond in shape has been a challenge. Minor repairs in pavilion have been some caulking by Hank Zimmerman and outside faucet repair as well as an outside water valve repair by Gary Strey and Larry Seehafer. A port-potty has been provided for the ball diamond and playground area. New sand in sandbox and a new volleyball net. The pavilion has been an almost full-time job keeping up with the 40 scheduled rentals. Still have openings!! Ernie Lurvey, a retired Firefighter, maintains the Fire Department grounds along with Rodney who is responsible for the mowing and trimming. So thankful for our Fire Department and beautiful park and wonderful Facility for our Community.

Carolyn Opitz – Supervisor





Plan Commission

Do you know what happens when you submit a Conditional Use or Rezone Permit to Marathon County? After the county receives this request for a property in the Town of McMillan, it is sent to the McMillan Plan Commission for review and approval, then forwarded to the McMillan Town Board for review and approval. Once both have approved the permits, it is sent back to Marathon County Planning and Zoning where the permit is then officially approved for the citizen.

But what is the Plan Commission all about and what are they reviewing? The Town of McMillan has a Comprehensive Plan that provides guidance on multiple aspects for the future growth and sustainability of the township resources. The plan helps shape decisions on appropriate locations for subdivisions and other new development, and areas to preserve forestlands, wetlands, and farmlands. The Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2021 and is available on the Township website. Using this plan, along with the Township and County Ordinances, the Plan Commission discusses these permits to ensure the intended use of the land aligns with the needs and wants of the community. The Plan Commission is the first step in ensuring our township resources remain sustainable for future generations.

You are a key stakeholder in how the Plan Commission functions. The Plan Commission meets on the fourth Monday of every month, unless there are no matters requiring the Commission's review. These meetings are open to the public and we welcome your input as we review these requests and plan McMillan's future growth, and the agendas are posted on the Township website.

This year, Tammy Wenzel and Russ Kollmansberger were appointed to the Plan Commission as new members to fill vacancies, and Dorothy Olson (Chairperson) and Bruce Wineman (Secretary) were reappointed to serve full terms. Members serve on the Plan Commission for three years in a staggered manner and are appointed by the Town Board.

When you are looking to rezone some of your land or seeking a permit to use your property outside of your current zoning conditions, feel free to attend a Plan Commission meeting for guidance on how best to proceed. Our mission is to help you achieve your goals for your land while ensuring the overall sustainability and planned growth for McMillan are preserved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russ Kollmansberger - Commissioner






County News

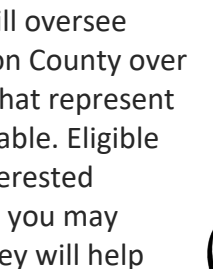
The Marathon County Conservation, Planning, & Zoning Department (CPZ) has been administering a program that required maintenance of over 14,000 POWTS installed on or after July 1, 1980. Several legal changes at the State level now require that **all** septic systems and holding tanks (regardless of age) in Marathon County be maintained according to State and County ordinances.

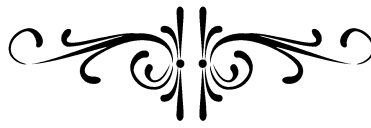
This expanded program requires property owners to have their holding tanks pumped when full or their septic tank systems maintained **at least once every 3 years** by having a plumber, pumper, or other licensed professional visually inspect the system to determine the condition of the septic tank and if pumping is needed. Upon completion of any inspection and/or pumping, the professional must electronically submit a report to the CPZ office for our records.

The purpose of this expanded maintenance program is **to protect public health and our natural resources**. It is not intended to force every property owner to upgrade or replace his or her private septic system. However, if an inspection report identifies a defective septic tank or any sewage discharging onto the surface of the ground, the County must then require the owner to repair or replace the system. To assist with this, Marathon County and MCDEVCO have developed a special POWTS Loan Program that will provide **financial assistance to qualifying low-income property owners who must replace a failing POWTS**.



Groundwater is the major source of all water consumed in Marathon County. Understanding the condition and quantity of our groundwater resources, and identifying concerns and strategies to address those concerns, is critical to maintaining quality of life and economic well-being for all of Marathon County. Most, if not all, counties in our region of the state are attempting to understand the same things and for many of the same reasons. Marathon County has created a Groundwater Workgroup to update the existing decades-old Groundwater Plan. The update is a collaborative effort, with local, regional, and state-wide partners. Staff at the Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning and Health Department will oversee testing and planning efforts, and the goal is to test 1000 private wells in Marathon County over the course of Fall 2023 and early 2024. Wells will be selected across the county that represent the county geographically and that also have well construction information available. Eligible participants will receive a postcard in the mail in the coming months. For any interested landowners that want their well tested and are *not selected* for free well testing, you may contact the Marathon County Conservation Department at 715-261-6046 and they will help





connect you with resources to get your well tested affordably. For landowners with potential well problems, the State of Wisconsin is currently offering a grant program called the ARPA Well Compensation Program, which allows landowners to receive up to \$16,000 for well replacement or remediation. More information can be found online at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid/WellCompensation.html>. The Marathon County Conservation Department is happy to work with landowners to apply for this grant.

From the desk of the Fire Chief

The department has had a busy first half of the year. We have responded to 45 calls so far. I am very humbled by the way the department has come together and responded to these calls. As Chief all I can ever ask of the department is to do what they are trained to do. I would like to reference the barn fire that we had. The MABAS system worked very well for us. It provided equipment and the workforce that was needed to do the job. Everyone tends to look for the bad in everything, including fires. Mistakes are always the first things that are pointed out. I would like to reference the things that went well. Firstly, no lives were lost, and no individual got hurt. Secondly, all personnel on scene went home to their families. In my book those are two noticeably big wins.

The department continues to train and take classes. We are continually recruiting new members. As of right now there are 23 individuals on our roster. Most are actively training and learning by taking classes and attending workshops. The officer team continues to update our policies and procedures, and make improvements where needed.

I would like to remind everyone that a burning permit is required when you want to do any open burning. You can get a permit by calling the fire department or the officer in charge phone. If you have burned in the past, you must call the fire department before you call anyone else. Again, please reference the township ordinances regarding open burning.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that our Fall Festival is coming up. We still have raffle tickets available if anyone is interested. Also, if you would like to help with Fall Fest, please reach out to any one of our members. The department looks forward to seeing everyone out this year at Fall Fest.

Thank you for your support,

Lorrie Bauer, Chief





FALL FESTIVAL

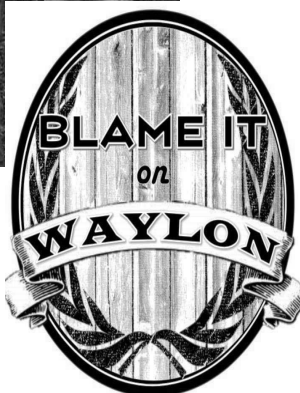
At 113901 Elm Tree Rd Marshfield, WI 54449



Saturday, September 9th, 2023



Band At
7:30 PM



Food Stand, Silent Auction, and
50/50 Drawing throughout the Day

McMillan 2nd Annual Car Show

Registration:

10:30am-12:30pm

Entry Fee: \$5/ entry

Show:

12:30pm-3:00pm

Awards at 3:30

Participation Judging

Trophies/Plaques for
each class

Find Us on Facebook



Daytime Activities:

Firefighter Relay from 12:00-03:00 pm

Main Street Conservatory of Dance from 03:00 pm

BINGO from 03:30 pm- 06:00 pm

Reis Martial Arts from 06:00 pm

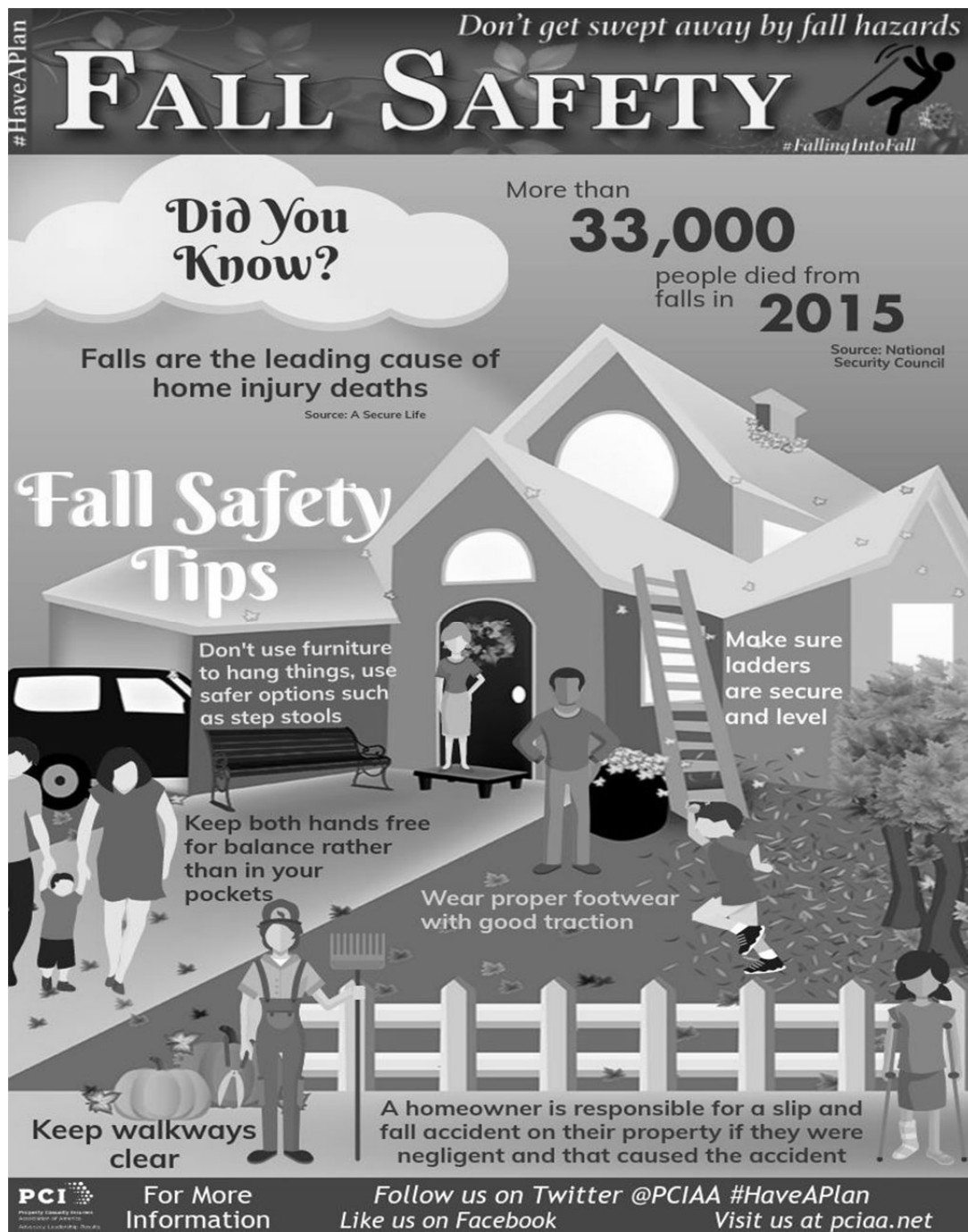
Firework Show at dusk

Kids Tent

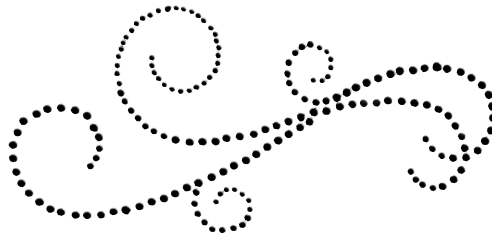


From Kim Kilty, EMS Coordinator:

This winter so of the group will be taking a first aid course for animals. This will help us with scenes where animals have been injured. We are working very diligently on the community EMS. Here is the first part of our community EMS. We will be concentrating on falls. Please read below on how to help prevent falls.



Did you know there is a new venue in our Township??



SOMETHING NEW

The “BARN” is open for all things WISCONSIN including Entertainment! Bernie and Jen Wenzel, owners of Resource Recovery Team, have opened their “Barn” for events and it is something our Township can be proud of! We have “We Wine Wednesdays”, “Why Not Fridays”, and “Sipping Saturday”. Wine and Beer tasting and Live music. This will be an excellent place to gather and enjoy a “unique” corner of the McMillan Township. The Address is 208268 State Hwy 97. Easy to find. It is the place that sells mulch by the “BARN”!!!. You can also enjoy Jen’s beautiful Flowers. Hope to see you there to support one of our Businesses. Check out our webpage on Facebook. “This & That Wisconsin Store – Stratford, Wisconsin”.

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