

CITY OF MARKESAN SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Have Questions? Get Answers!

Contact the person or office listed to get the answers you need:

- Assessment – Gardiner Appraisals, 888-756-9726
- Building Inspections – General Engineering, 608-745-4070
- Community Center Rental – City Hall, 920-398-3031
- Dog Licensing – City Hall, 920-398-3031
- Park Shelter Rentals – City Hall, 920-398-3031
- Parking Tickets & Citations – Markesan Police Dept., 920-398-2121
- Tax Collection – City Hall, 920-398-3031
- Trash & Recycling – Waste Management, 888-960-0008
- Water/Sewer Billing – City Hall, 920-398-3031
- Voter Registration – City Hall, 920-398-3031



Library Temporarily Closing

The Markesan Library is getting new carpeting, and will be closed Apr. 6-11, 2015. It will reopen on Monday, Apr. 13, 2015.

We Need Your Help! Please check out your favorite books before Apr. 6th. Everything that is checked out does not have to be packed and moved!

HEROIN & PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE SUMMIT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

**MARKESAN HIGH SCHOOL
MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM**



5:00-6:00pm Connect with Resources and Professionals

6:00-8:00pm Presentation – including a WI Drug Task Force Agent, Recovering Addicts, and Parents of Addicts

Please join us for a FREE night of education regarding heroin and other drug abuse. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, or if you just want to learn more about this serious problem in the U.S., this is an opportunity to connect with resources and professionals in the field. For more information, email the Markesan Police Department at wpflum@markesanwi.gov. Sponsored by Community Health Network & Agnesian Healthcare.

SPRING ELECTION



The next election, which includes contests for your local City Council members and School Board members, as well as a state-wide referendum related to the process for the selection of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice, will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Polls are open from 7:00am-8:00pm. Don't forget to come out and vote!

2015 Dog Licenses

The final date to obtain a 2015 dog license without a late fee was March 31st. All dog licenses **expired Dec. 31, 2014**, regardless of when they were issued. New 2015 licenses have been available since early December.

A current rabies certificate is required to obtain a license. **The fee is \$3 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$8 for un-spayed/neutered dogs.** A late fee of \$5 per dog is charged if dogs are not licensed by Mar. 31, 2015.

You may obtain a license by mail. Send (or drop in City Hall's drop box) a copy of the rabies certificate, the appropriate fee, including late fee, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope and your dog license and tag will be mailed to you.

Failure to obtain a required license is subject to a \$98.80 citation. If you no longer have a dog that was previously licensed, please call the staff at City Hall (398-3031) so our records can be updated.

Please note the following City Hall and Public Works & Water/Wastewater Department closures over the summer:

- May 25, 2015
- July 3, 2015
- September 7, 2015



Trash & recycling pickup will be on Sat., May 30th, and Sat., Sept. 12th. Pickup on Fri., July 3rd will be as normal.

Brush Pick-Up

Curbside brush pick-up will resume on Monday, April 20th, and is for the disposal of brush generated from routine yard maintenance. This service is not intended for lot clearing or tree removal. The City reserves the right to refuse to pick up items in excess of routine maintenance amounts.

Brush is picked up the 3rd Monday of each month through October. Brush may be placed at the curb. Do NOT place on the street. Brush should be less than 6" in diameter, bundled in lengths no longer than 6 feet, and of a weight easily handled by one person.

If you have leaves or other compostable items, you may take them to the Recycling Center, located on Hwy A east of the City, which is open from 8:00am to 2:00pm every Saturday. An attendant is present to supervise the site. Leaves, grass clippings, and yard and garden waste may be placed on the compost pile. Brush under 6" in diameter may be deposited on the brush pile at the Recycling Center. Please note, fees may be charged for certain items taken to the Recycling Center. Check with the attendant.

Building Permits

Building Permits are required in the City of Markesan, so that inspections can be made to ensure safety and that the work meets all required codes. Permits are valid for 18 months and can be renewed for an additional six months at no additional cost. Contact the Building Inspector, James Lawton, at 608-697-7779, prior to beginning any project to verify whether a permit is needed.

JUNE DAIRY DAYS 2015

The 78th Annual June Dairy Days will be celebrated June 12-14, 2015. Mark your calendars for this weekend filled with all kinds of fun activities for the whole family!



2nd Installment Property Taxes Due

Just a reminder that property tax 2nd installment payments are due to the Green Lake County Treasurer on or before July 31, 2015. This payment cannot be made at Markesan City Hall. Checks should be made payable to Green Lake County Treasurer. Their office hours are 8am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday, if you wish to pay in person, otherwise, send your payment to: Green Lake County Treasurer, PO Box 3188, Green Lake, WI 54941.

Library Activities

Markesan Library's 11th Annual Spring Fling - Sat., May 9th, from 9am-noon. Includes the SSA plant sale, book sale, silent auction of garden decorating items, cornhole games, face painting, & food sales. Watch for announcements about the summer library program for kids!

Summer Bike Safety... & Free Stuff!

As warm weather arrives, bike riders of all ages should practice good bicycle safety:

- Wear bright clothing during the day.
- If you must bike at night, equip your bike with head & tail lights & wear reflective clothing
- Always be aware of your surroundings – don't wear earphones while biking.
- Ride with traffic and obey all traffic laws.
- Motorists – please do your part and watch out for bicyclists

The Markesan Police Dept. will be distributing coupons for free "F'real" milkshakes from Cenex C-Store to any kids seen practicing safe bike riding habits this summer! Be safe & get free stuff!! *Sponsored by Grand River Fire Dept., S. Green Lake Ambulance, Markesan Emergency Management & Markesan Police Dept.*

Severe Weather Shelter

Markesan Emergency Management will have the lower level entrance of the Markesan Police Department, at 150 S. Bridge Street, available to residents who do not have adequate shelter during severe weather. This shelter will be opened as soon as a severe weather watch is upgraded to a warning.

Cemetery Clean Up

Cemetery clean-up will be from April 1-15, 2015. Please help clean-up efforts by removing any decorations you would like saved prior to Apr. 1st. Decorations left after Apr. 1st may be removed during the clean-up. You may return your items after Apr. 15th.

Items that WILL NOT be accepted include:

- ❖ Tires
- ❖ Liquids
- ❖ Yard Waste
- ❖ Remodeling/Demolition Waste
- ❖ Roofing Materials
- ❖ All electronics (computers, TV's, monitors, etc.)
- ❖ White Goods (stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.)

Bulky Trash Day

Bulky Trash Day for Markesan residents will be **April 10, 2015**. Place items for disposal at the curb no later than 6:00am that day. Please be aware of the following to ensure that your items are picked up by Waste Management:

Furniture, mattresses, carpet, storm windows & doors, and lumber are accepted. Lumber cannot be more than four feet in length, and should be bundled together in bundles of less than 50 pounds. Latex paint cans are accepted if the contents have been dried to a solid and covers removed.

All items must be able to be handled easily by two people without risk of injury. All small items must be in containers – **no loose** items should be set at the curb. Please do not place items in cardboard boxes if they could get wet from dew or rain. Also, all items **MUST** be from Markesan residents.

