

Town of Stockton

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Town of Stockton Newsletter July 2008

Town Meeting Schedule

The Town Board regularly meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month except when it conflicts with the Towns Assoc. meeting, so watch the Journal and the Town of Stockton website where the meetings are posted.

Road Work in 2008

- Rebuilding approx. ½ mile of 4th Street from Cty J to the east.
- Chip sealing has been done on Country Beautiful and Pine Dr., Hillside Rd., Red Fox and Standing Rocks Rd.
- Mowing and brush work will continue to be done to improve the safety and visibility on our roads. If you are aware of an area that needs trimming, call the Road Foreman.

Animal Control Ordinance

Have you licensed your dog this year?

Any dog owner found to have an unlicensed dog will be subject to a **\$150.00** citation. Dog licenses can be obtained from the Town Treasurer, please call 592-4712 to obtain a dog license application.

Since Jan. 1, 2006 we have contracted with the Humane Society of Portage County for our animal control needs, dog license fees are used to help pay for this service. Please call the Humane Society of Portage County at 344-6012 if you have any questions regarding licensing.

Portage County Transfer Station

People that took materials to the landfill can now use the Portage County Transfer Station north of Cty Rd B in the Plover Industrial Park. It is located between the Material Recovery Facility and the Portage Co. Highway garage on Apache Road. If it is too large or cannot be pickup at the curb side, call **715-345-5969**. The prices charged for disposal are minimal or free.

Town of Stockton Plan Commission

WORK ON ZONING MAP NEARLY COMPLETED
The Town Board adopted the Stockton Comprehensive Plan in October 2006. The Comprehensive Plan represents the Town's official long-range ideas for how Stockton will grow over the next 20 years, and covers many topics, such as housing, transportation, agriculture and natural resources, economic development and land use.

The Comprehensive Plan also identifies which steps are necessary to make long-range planning ideas a reality. The first task mentioned in the "Action Plan" (page 126 of the Comprehensive Plan) is to update the Stockton Zoning Map to reflect the land use recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan. While long-range planning lays out ideas from a community perspective for how property should be used, zoning is the legal tool that sets the rules for what a landowner can do with their property.

The Town of Stockton, like nearly all the Towns in Portage County, has been under the County Zoning Ordinance for many years. The current Zoning Map, which was developed and adopted by the Town Board, has been in place since 1993, some small changes along the way. After spending several months examining the existing Stockton Zoning Map and comparing it to the Comprehensive Plan recommendations, the Stockton Plan Commission has found that no changes need to be made to the Zoning Map at this time.

This Zoning Map is currently display at the Town Hall for review by residents before being forwarded to the Town Board for action in the next couple of months. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know. A copy of the Comprehensive Plan along with a list of Town parcels with current zoning will be available to look at as well. Questions can be directed to Plan Commission Chair Cindy Davis, 592-4204.

The Stockton Plan Commission is also currently reviewing the Portage County Sub-Division Ordinance 7.4. We will be discussing the possibility of creating a Town of Stockton Sub-Division Ordinance.

Sustainable Stockton: Let's Start Talking!

We would like to host a discussion series that starts our Stockton community talking about environmental and social concerns. We would begin with readings from a workbook, "Choices for Sustainable Living," that contains a diverse collection of easy-to-read essays, articles, and book excerpts organized around weekly themes. Participants meet weekly in groups of 8-15 members for 4-8 weeks. Time and meeting place are determined by group members with a weekly time commitment of about 3 hours. Discussions tend to be upbeat and focus on what individuals and communities can do to make their neighborhood a better place. Please contact Sue Anderson (592-4423) or Mary Maller (592-4051) if you are interested in being a part of this community opportunity.

Sustainable Stockton is a citizen group working towards a sustainable community by promoting a functional and healthy economic, ecological, and social climate within the Town of Stockton. Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 6, 2008, at 7:00 pm in the Town of Stockton Municipal Building. All are welcome to attend.

Stockton Fire Dept. News

To date Stockton has responded to 18 calls this year. We have applied for grants from FEMA and the DNR for equipment, we will find out in the fall if we have received either grant. All First Responders groups have received grant money from the county to up-grade equipment, purchase needed equipment, use for additional training, or it can be used as an incentive to retain members. As always both the fire department and the first responder group are seeking new members. If interested contact the fire department or the town clerk. If you would like to attend one of our meetings and see what is involved in being a member, we meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Just let us know when you would like to attend.

Thank You

The Arnott Lions have been generous and donated \$550.00 to the Stockton Fire Department to be used for the purchase or upgrading of fire equipment.

Fire Numbers

The Town of Stockton will be updating all address signs in the Town. Proposed new signs would be two-sided and help aid emergency response vehicles to identify addresses quickly. The house number would include the road name and identify that the address is in the Town of Stockton. A sample sign is at the entrance of the Town Hall at 7252 6th Street, if you have any questions or comments about the proposed signs, contact your Town Chair or Supervisors.

County J Railroad Overpass

There will be an informational meeting concerning this project on July 29, 2008 at 6:00pm at the Stockton Town Hall at 7252 6th St. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Everything is on schedule so far. Project should be completed by Nov. 1, 2008 and County J will be opened for the winter but the second coat of blacktop will not be applied till May of 2009.

Lake Thomas

Thank you to the Eager Eagles 4-H Club for cleaning up the Milfoil from the boat landing area of Lake Thomas, so it does not get spread to other lakes and contaminate them. If any other group or club would like to help clean up the milfoil from Lake Thomas or Bear Lake boat landings give the town a call. 592-4712. Reminder, to clean your boats when you leave a lake. It is needed to prevent to spread of nonnative aquatic plants and insects from spreading to other lakes. A few minutes of your time will save money and our recreational activities.