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## Newsletter October 2008



### HALLOWEEN HOURS

Halloween is Friday, October 31st, Trick or Treat Hours are from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Note:** Daylight Savings has been extended till the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Nov. we change back to Central Standard Time on Nov. 2.

## County J Railroad Overpass

According to Portage County Highway Commissioner Bill Weronke Jr., the long-awaited County J railroad overpass is on schedule and is near completion.

This overpass, with the help of federal, state, and local cooperation will certainly make crossing the tracks on Highway J a lot safer, and will help to eliminate delays while waiting for train traffic.

Please watch for signs indicating when Highway J will re-open.

### 2009 Budget Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2008, 6:30 pm at 7252 6<sup>th</sup> St. Town Hall. Come and see what your Town of Stockton tax dollars will be and what they will be doing for you in 2009.

## Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Get out and Vote Polls Open 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

Bring your driver's license along, in case you need it, because the state has filtered some of us out of us of the system, so you may need to be reentered, but a majority of us won't have any problem voting for the ones we support.

3:30 pm to 7:00 pm you can bring your kids along for the **kids to vote also for president.**

They will have their own voting booth and the results will be shown on the Town website.

### 2009 Garbage Bills

The 2009 Town of Stockton garbage bill is added as a Special Assessment to your 2008 real estate tax bill and the rate will raised to **\$115.00** (\$5.00 increase in the past 5 years ) for the 2009 curbside garbage and recycling pickup. The recycling schedule calendar will also be included with your December mailings from the town. Try to recycle all you can, each item saves you money. **Reminder** to put your garbage and recycling out to edge of driveway the night before, to assure it will be picked up by the 4:30 am route.

### Snow Removal Ordinance

**It's that time of year again! Here is a reminder to do not plow or shovel snow into the road way or into the opposite ditch,** that leave hazardous piles of snow on the road from plowing it across the road or snow blowing it onto the road, which could freeze and cause a passing vehicle to lose control. If you are plowing it across the road, clean the road immediately for safe driving for others or you will be mailed a letter informing them that you are breaking the law according to Wis. statutes 86.01.

The 2nd warning will include a bill of **\$50.00** from the Town of Stockton as stated in the Town of Stockton Ordinance O-08-01 Snow Removal Ordinance.



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## STOCKTON ECOMUNICIPALITY INTEREST GROUP

Be sure to pick up your free compact florescent light bulb when you vote on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>! Sustainable Stockton will be handing out one free energy efficient lightbulb per household at the Town Hall as part of a multiple community energy grant from the Wisconsin Energy Education Board.



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If you own a business and are interested in changing to more efficient lighting go to [www.focusonenergy.com](http://www.focusonenergy.com) and check out their Lighting Incentive Application for Existing Buildings

A video/discussion series will start on Thursday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> with a DVD titled "The Future of Food". Join community members at the MREA building, 7558 Deer Rd. in Custer from 7 – 9pm. We will provide popcorn, please bring your own beverage. Other videos in the series include "Escape from Affluenza" on Jan. 15, "Crude Impact" on Feb. 12, and "Power of Community" on March 12<sup>th</sup>. This series is being sponsored by Sustainable Stockton and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association. All are welcome.

Check out our new website after Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at [www.sustainablestockton.org](http://www.sustainablestockton.org) including the "Find it in Stockton" Directory. Join us at our monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Stockton Town Hall. Our meeting on Dec. 4, 2008 will include a short business meeting followed by a discussion on eco-friendly holiday ideas led by Mary Maller.

### NOTE:

**The Town Board would like to schedule an EMS/Fire Dept. Volunteer Appreciation evening meal in Jan. /Feb. Anyone interested in helping plan the event, please contact Jeanne Dodge 592-4153.**

### Stockton Road Weight Limits

The Town Board had a study done of Stockton Road by Earth Tech of Stevens Point. The study results showed the road needs to be replaced. The estimated cost to replace the road is \$200,000, money we do not currently have. Thus, the recommendation was to preserve the road as long as possible. Reducing weight limits of vehicles was an option to extend the life of Stockton road. The Town Board adopted an ordinance setting the maximum vehicle weight limit for the road not to exceed 60,000 lb.

The Town Board is obligated to taxpayers in the Town to protect their roads and tax dollars. If you have any questions, please contact any Town Board member.



### Stockton Fire Dept. News

With winter just around the corner and the evenings getting colder, we should be thinking about home safety. If you burn wood, chimneys should be cleaned, furnaces should be tuned up, smoke detectors checked, and if you don't have one, have a carbon monoxide detector installed. Need more information? Contact a fire department member or when you stop vote at the town hall and pick up a brochure at the entrance on just what you need to do. We at the fire department and the first responders are looking for new members. If you are interested, stop and pick up an application or call and make an appointment to attend one of our training sessions and see if this might interest you. We train the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.