

# Town of Caledonia

WAUPACA COUNTY, WI

FALL 2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 16:**

Caledonia Fest

**September 18:**

Town Board Meeting

**September 27:**

Tax Levy Meeting

**December 30 &**

**January 27:**

Tax Collection

## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD: THE FUTURE OF CALEDONIA

Your Planning Commission (PC) is tasked with updating the Town of Caledonia Comprehensive Plan. This document sets forth the community's plan for future growth and specifics on how our community will grow and develop. Your PC is very diligent in this task and committed to making the update consistent with what you, the residents living here, envision for the community. Once approved, the town's comprehensive plan becomes the basis for the PC in making decisions that come before them relative to land divisions, conditional use permits, variances, and other development projects proposed for our community.

In order to base the update on your wishes and directives, the PC has been working conscientiously with the Waupaca County UW Extension to prepare a comprehensive survey to generate your views and thoughts on the future growth and development of the Town of Caledonia. The

townofcaledonia.com, and extra copies are available by emailing the town clerk at [caledoniaclerk@gmx.com](mailto:caledoniaclerk@gmx.com) or calling (920) 667-4773. The survey is anonymous and should not take too much time to complete. The success of the plan is dependent on the success in getting your feedback with this survey. Please take the time to complete it and add any comments you would like considered in the PC's work in updating the plan for your community. If you need any help to complete the survey or need extra copies to accommodate additional members in your household, call any PC or board member.

**Take the Survey Online:**

<http://bit.ly/2wUffGG>

survey has been mailed directly to every resident. Due to a printing error, please be sure to use the second copy. The survey will be mailed to every address, is available on the town website at

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## PAY YOUR TAXES

Karen Kopitzke, Town Treasurer, will be collecting taxes at the Caledonia Community Center on:

Saturday, December 30 9 am to 3 pm

Saturday, January 27 9 am to 3 pm

Dog license fees can also be paid at this time: \$5 for spayed/neutered and \$10 for intact dogs.

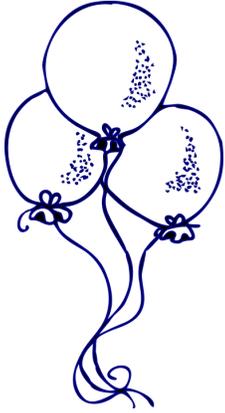
Bring a current copy of the rabies vaccination.

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Watch the town website for meetings and other important town news!

### FIRE NUMBER SIGNS

Fire number signs are essential for emergency personnel to locate your address in an emergency. If your fire number is faded, damaged, or missing please call Bill Abba at (920) 667-4953 for a replacement



Holiday Party  
Birthday Party  
Baby Shower

Rent the Community Center for your party needs!

Contact Laurie Fischer at (920) 667-5253 to reserve your date!

### GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

Garbage is picked up every Thursday

Recycling is picked up the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

Contact Graichen Sanitation at (920) 982-4116 with any questions or to request additional totes

### PLAN TO ATTEND

# CALEDONIA FEST

SPONSORED BY MEDINA-DALE-READFIELD LIONS CLUB

**Saturday, September 16**  
**Parade at Noon**

Music by Star Fire Family Band 2-6pm

Food, Corn Roast, Beer Tent

Annual Wayne Tesch Car Show

Children's Games by Sandy Knoll 4-H

Bake Sale by Readfield School PTO

Flea Market & Farm Market

Craft booths

Raffles

## SPOTLIGHT: WAUPACA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Caledonia does not employ a constable or have a police force to provide public protection and ordinance enforcement. The Town relies on the Waupaca County Sheriff's Office to provide these critical services, including everything from emergency response to accidents and fires, to enforcing town speed limits and road weight limits. At a recent Wisconsin Town's Association meeting, Sheriff Hardele from the Waupaca County Sheriff's Office explained the current staffing situation in the department. The Sheriff stated that Waupaca County ranks Number 68 in the state out of 72 counties in terms of the number of

deputies per 1,000 population. At any given time, there are as few as three deputies on patrol in the entire county. This is not good news for towns



like ours. The Sheriff's Office prioritizes on state and county needs first and municipalities like ours second. This is understandable, but it does create a real challenge in getting resources we need to ensure reasonable emergency

response times and coverage for enforcing ordinances.

To help improve our town's police coverage, the Town Board passed a resolution this past spring directing our County Board Supervisor, Carl Kietzman, to work with the Sheriff's Office and the County Board to increase the number of deputies patrolling the county; and to do so by reallocating existing tax dollars, not increasing taxes. It is the expectation of the Town Board that more police resources are available to support our town's needs.

*Bill Abba, Supervisor I*

## CALEDONIA TOWN BOARD

Paula Pagel  
*Chairperson*  
(920) 982-6149

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*Supervisor 1*  
(920) 667-4953

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*Supervisor 2*  
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Karen Kopitzke  
*Treasurer*  
(920) 982-3290

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*Clerk*  
(920) 540-5290

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(920) 667-4773  
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Town Board Meetings  
3rd Monday  
of every month

# ROADS REPORT

By Bill Abba

The summer construction season is winding down fast and most of our projects will be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. Our major road projects will be finished by mid-September including the complete reconstruction of Lietzke and Gorges Roads and continued paving work on Klemp Road. We are very pleased with the results on Lietzke and Gorges and both roads now have a substantial new road base and surface that should provide for long life. It has been a real challenge allocating money for maintaining the short dead-end roads in the town, like Gorges, and many of these roads are in poor condition as a result. A new low-cost technique was tried on Gorges Road and if it proves durable and long lasting, this approach will allow more of the short roads to be rebuilt in the future. This technique is called double chip seal coating and it is used widely by other towns but has not been used in Caledonia. If our results on Gorges Road are as good as other communities have experienced, we may finally have a cost-effective solution for rebuilding the many dead-end roads within the town.

Another very big project in the town was completed at the end of August – the Highway W reconstruction. This new road is a huge improvement over the previous highway and provides a much safer, easier to navigate roadway. The downtown Readfield section of the new highway provides for parallel parking, curb and gutter, and a widened roadway that significantly improves this area. While this was a challenging project and long time in coming, we want to thank the Waupaca County Board and the Waupaca County Highway Department for delivering such a great result.

The winter brush cutting projects have been selected and will be completed in January and February next year. The roads we will be working on are Magolski Road, sections of Guhl Road, and Popeyes Lane. All trees and brush within the road right-of-way will be removed.

## CALEDONIA PARK OUTDOOR RESTROOM

**NO MORE PORT-A-POTTY!** On behalf of the town board, thank you to everyone that made contributions towards the success of our park bathroom project! What a blessing we have in our Community Enrichment Committee (CEC), as well as the generosity and “commitment-to-community” from our residents, business partners, and organizations. We deeply appreciate many of you for your very generous cash contributions. In addition, the following is a list of outstanding tangible gifts of materials and professional labor that contributed to the success:



Caledonia Park's New Outdoor Restrooms

MDR Lions Club contributed the labor to build the restrooms;  
Jerel's Excavating contributed all the excavating;  
Go Green Quarry contributed the foundation and walkway stone;  
Watters Plumbing contributed the plumbing;  
Allen Electric contributed the electrical.

**THANK YOU ALL!**

*Paula Pagel*, Chairperson

Page Saved For :

Wild Parsnip article from the UW-Extension

[this will be on the insert directly in front of the “Noxious Plant Warning”]

**To Do In Newsletter:**

Add more Upcoming Dates things

Put Picture of Restrooms in restroom article

# NOXIOUS PLANT WARNING: WILD PARSNIP



Avoid Wild Parsnip! The fluids from Wild Parsnip can cause severe skin burns and irritation on people and animals when exposed to the sun. It is commonly found along unmaintained rural roadsides and pathways, but can grow anywhere weeds are found. While this plant is not found all over our township yet, it is spreading quickly. Heavy Wild Parsnip populations can be found along Hwy 45, Hwy W, and other town roads including Brehmer, Lietzke, and Gruetzmacher. The Town of Caledonia needs your help to prevent the spread of this noxious invasive species! Watch for notices on how to identify and manage this weed in our town.

## PARK PLANNING UPDATE

With the wonderful addition of the outdoor restrooms in Caledonia Park, the CEC has wrapped up their first major project. Now the Park Implementation Team is hard at work identifying and prioritizing long-range park projects while researching grants and other funding options.

At this point, a perimeter walking trail is the top priority as the next project. Other options under consideration for inclusion in the park include a sledding hill, adult workout stations, expanded playground equipment, expanded parking, and improved storage.

### Possible Park Improvements:

- \* **Perimeter Walking Trail**
- \* **Adult Workout Stations**
- \* **Sledding Hill**
- \* **Expanded Playground Equipment**
- \* **Improved Storage**

*If you are interested in joining this effort, contact Bill Abba at (920) 667-4953*



### NOTICE \* NOTICE \* NOTICE

## Tax Levy Meeting

There will be a special meeting on Thursday, September 27th at 6:30 pm at Caledonia Community Center. During the meeting, the Town Board will present information on declining revenues and other budget issues that may require a town tax levy increase after many years of no increases. The Town Board will present data and solution options. Your input is welcome! Please plan to attend.

### NOTICE \* NOTICE \* NOTICE

## BUILDING PERMITS

Land Use Permits are required for any structure built or moved onto your property that will remain for more than 30 days. If you're going to be building a deck, patio, shed, etc make sure to contact Waupaca County Planning & Zoning at (715) 258-6255 prior to starting! More information can be found at [www.co.waupaca.wi.us/departments/planning\\_and\\_zoning](http://www.co.waupaca.wi.us/departments/planning_and_zoning)

Building Permits can be obtained by contacting Jim Emmons at (920) 779-6810. Be sure to get your building permit before a project is started. You will need the owner's name, property description, property tax ID, estimated project cost, and then you must pay the appropriate fee. Failure to obtain a permit prior to beginning work will result in double the permit cost.



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## HELP THE PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Have opinions about:

- Internet speeds and cell phone coverage
- Availability of local affordable housing, apartments, and senior housing
- Local roads
- Preserving farmland
- Types of business/economic developments

Take the Planning Commission survey at <http://bit.ly/2wUfFGG> to have your voice heard!

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