



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

- April 1:** Dog licenses due
- April 16:**  
Annual Meeting
- April 26:**  
Open Book
- May 7:**  
Board of Review
- May 15:**  
Mining Presentation
- May 21:**  
Town Board Meeting
- June 8:**  
BINGO Night *hosted by 4-H*
- June 21:**  
Food Truck Rally *hosted by Friends of Readfield Park*
- June 23:**  
Chicken BBQ *hosted by MDR Lions*
- August 9:**  
Food Truck Rally *hosted by Friends of Readfield Park*
- September 14:**  
Caledonia Fest *hosted by MDR Lions*

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# Town of Caledonia

WAUPACA COUNTY, WI

SPRING 2019

## CALEDONIA NEWS

Want to keep updated on Caledonia news in between newsletters? The most up-to-date information can always be found at [www.townofcaledonia.com](http://www.townofcaledonia.com) and you can sign up to have updates automatically emailed to you. The website has a brand new look and will eventually be able to take payments. The Town of Caledonia also has a new Facebook page.

As we move into construction season, please remember to always get Land Use Permits from Waupaca County and Building Permits from the town building inspector before starting any construction work!

If you're looking for something to do, the website calendar is always updated with upcoming activities including Bingo Night, a Food Truck Rally, Chicken BBQ, and Caledonia Fest. We hope to see you!

## AD HOC NON-METALLIC MINING COMMITTEE

In the fall of 2018, the Town Board approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to study mining in the Town of Caledonia. The committee was charged with determining the long term potential for mining in the township and how it would impact town residents and infrastructure. A second objective was to understand the issues residents currently face with mining today and propose recommendations for how to manage these issues to minimize conflicts. The committee was not charged to find ways to unreasonably limit operations or close down mining operations within the town, but rather to find ways for the various land uses, particularly residential and mining, to coexist.

The committee is facilitated by Town Board Supervisor Bill Abba and is made up of local residents living near existing quarries, representatives from three larger mining operations in Caledonia, a representative of the sand loading station, the Waupaca County Planning and Zoning Director, representatives from the Planning Commission, and a reclamation expert from the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The group will share their findings and recommendations on May 15 at 6 pm.

The participation from all committee members has been extremely good and much has been learned. A listening session with residents was conducted to collect information from those experiencing issues today. Tours of all of the facilities represented on the committee were conducted. A number of very good presentations and discussions occurred on important topics like the geology of the Town of Caledonia, future plans for all of the existing mining and processing operations, resident concerns and issues, town taxes and infrastructure plans, and the legal aspects of regulating mines.

The committee is committed to sharing the recommendations and findings with residents. Following the May presentation to the Town Board, meetings will be held to share this important information with interested residents. Topics will also be presented in abbreviated fashion in newsletters and other communications.

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## LAND USE & BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permits can be obtained by calling Jim Emmons at (920) 779-6810. Failure to obtain a permit will result in double the permit cost.

Land Use Permits are required for any structure built or moved onto your property that will remain for more than 60 days. Contact Waupaca County Planning & Zoning at (715) 258-6255 before starting your project.

## FIRE NUMBER SIGNS

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

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Garbage is picked up every Thursday

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

Need barrels? Call Graichen Sanitation at (920) 982-4116

# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

# BINGO

Saturday, June 8 at 6 pm

FREE evening of Bingo and a delicious ice cream sundae to celebrate June Dairy Month.

Sponsored by Sandy Knoll 4-H Club

# FOOD TRUCK Rally

READFIELD PARK

JUNE 21 & AUGUST 9

4:30 - 8:30 pm



[WWW.FRIENDSOFREADFIELDPARK.ORG](http://WWW.FRIENDSOFREADFIELDPARK.ORG)

# CALEDONIA FEST

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Sponsored by the Medina-Dale-Readfield Lions Club

Car show registration & craft vendor set up - 9 am

Parade - Noon

Music - 1 to 5 pm

Food and drinks all day!

# CHICKEN BBQ

SPONSORED BY

MEDINA-DALE-READFIELD LIONS CLUB

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Serving Starts at 11 am

# SPOTLIGHT: THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Appointed for 3-year terms, the Planning Commission is a standing committee of five members who review requests and make recommendations to the Town Board about rezoning, land divisions, and conditional use permits on a case-by-case basis to ensure compliance with the Town's Comprehensive Plan for land use, housing, economic development, and protection of natural resources. The Planning Commission meets the second Monday of each month at the Community Center. Contact information for Planning Commission members, and agendas and minutes of each meeting, are posted on the town website.

# RECOGNIZING IVAN GRUETZMACHER

Ivan Gruetzmacher has served the town in many capacities over the years and we thank him for his tireless commitment to making Caledonia a better place to live. Most recently, Ivan served on the Caledonia Planning Commission. He was also involved with the Caledonia Enrichment Committee planning the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Ivan provided a wealth of historical knowledge and guidance to the Town Board over the years in a multitude of areas. We extend deep appreciation for his outstanding efforts.

# NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONER: TIM VANSCHYNDEL

The town board would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of our Planning Commission, Tim VanSchyndel. Tim is looking forward to serving the community and building relationships with neighbors and town leaders. During his 42 years with US Venture in Kimberly, Tim developed a strong background in leadership, planning, and oversight that will serve him well during his tenure on Caledonia's Planning Commission.

# CALEDONIA TOWN BOARD

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3rd Monday  
of every monthCaledonia Community Center  
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Readfield, WI 54969

## ROADS REPORT

By Bill Abba

As all of us surely experienced, this winter had record snowfall and, like last year, significant rainfall accompanied many snow storms making for difficult driving. The heavy and frequent snow storms created the need to repeatedly plow our town roads and often use sand and salt to make them as safe as possible. Though the final accounting is yet to be done, the cost for snow removal in 2019 will likely be 50%+ more than we budgeted. In order to keep the total road maintenance spending within the budgeted amount for the year we will need to cut some road projects planned for this summer. This is certainly not what we want to do, but it is a necessity given this past winters snow removal costs.

Two major road projects are proposed for this summer: adding the second layer of asphalt on the Phase 1 roads in the Woodland Hills subdivision and finishing the Guhl Road rebuild from Brehmer Road to Magolski Lane. The Guhl Road project is a two year project with the major road upgrading with new culverts and road base completed in 2018. This year we hope to reclaim the remaining asphalt and pave this section of road with two layers of asphalt.

A few other projects initially planned for this summer are now uncertain pending the final numbers for snow removal. These projects include resurfacing Popeyes Ln, starting the reworking of Bellin Rd and Julie Ln, and the chip sealing of Justin Trail and Gordon Rd. We hope to be able to get some of this work done but will not have the budget answers for another month.

The town continues to focus on controlling the wild parsnip infestation in the town. This is a very nasty weed that causes, if touched, severe burns to people and animals. The cheapest control measure is to cut the plants down in between the flowering and seed growing phases, typically happening in mid to late July. We are mowing all town road right-of-way ditches in that time period. We seem to be making progress in controlling wild parsnip, but given it has spread to private property, we are not likely to ever completely eliminate it. We caution everyone to be very careful in dealing with this plant and learn more about it before trying to control it.

## SPRING WEIGHT LIMITS

The Town wants to remind everyone that spring weight limits are placed on town roads in order to protect our most valuable assets - roads. County, state, and federal highways are built to a much higher standards than town roads. During the spring thaw, town roads are exceptionally vulnerable to damage due to heavy loads. Therefore, weight limits are placed on all town roads (except the official truck route including sections of Brehmer and Guhl Roads).

The town website will be updated when the spring weight limits are in effect and temporary signs will be installed along all roads impacted by the spring weight limits to remind truckers the weight limits are in effect.

Maximum weight limits for trucks are 6 tons for a single rear axle truck and 10 tons for multiple rear axle trucks. These weight limits are for the total weight of the truck and contents. State law does exempt some vehicles from spring weight limits including propane and fuel oil delivery trucks and septic tank pumping trucks so you may see some trucks on town roads during this period. The limits typically run for four to six weeks and the start and end dates are posted on the town website.

# CALEDONIA COMMUNITY CENTER & READFIELD PARK SHELTER RENTAL INFORMATION

The Caledonia Community Center and Readfield Park Shelter are great places to host family reunions, graduation parties, bridal/baby showers, and other events!

The Community Center will comfortably fit 70 and features a full kitchen, updated interior and 8 tables.

Readfield Park's shelter has electricity, serving tables, and approximately 18 picnic tables.

Rent them together or separately depending on your party needs!

## Rental Process:

1. Use the event calendar on the town website to determine the availability of your date.
2. Review the rental rules and cost of facilities to determine what option you'd like for your event.
3. Print, fill out, and return the Rental Agreement along with required fees to the Town of Caledonia.
4. Your reservation is confirmed once the town website is updated with your rental information.



## Fees:

Community Center -or- Park Shelter  
\$75 plus \$125 security deposit

Community Center -and- Park Shelter  
\$125 plus \$125 security deposit

The payment, including the security deposit, will be deposited at the time of rental. Once the post-event inspection is completed your security deposit will be refunded following the next town board meeting.

# FACILITIES MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Early this year the town board regretfully accepted the resignation of Don and Laurie Fischer as town employees. Don and Laurie served the Town of Caledonia for nearly thirty years with facility maintenance including the community center and park grounds. They both contributed above and beyond their call of duty and took ownership in the community assets as if it were their own. They were selfless in their dedication and pride in the community we call home. Under contract, Don will continue to cut grass and drag the ball diamond, keep it as beautiful as he always has. The town board wishes to extend our deep appreciation for all that they did and wish them a healthy and happy future.

We thankfully welcome Brandon Stibb to fill this vacant position. Brandon lives very close and comes to us with outstanding experience and qualifications. We look forward to working with him. ~Paula Pagel

# WALKING TRAIL

A half-mile-long and 8-foot-wide trail will circle Readfield Park and Readfield Elementary school to provide a safe pedestrian path.

The trail will be constructed in 2020 if Caledonia receives grant funding from the DNR. The DNR grant, if obtained, covers half of the approximately \$40,000 installation cost. Caledonia will cover the remaining half with donations and fundraising. No tax dollars will be used.

**Currently, we still need \$4,500 in donations** towards the walking trail to ensure we have enough donations to cover 50% of the trail costs in order to qualify for the DNR grant. Donations can be made at [www.gofundme.com/readfield-park](http://www.gofundme.com/readfield-park) or by using the form to the right.

If the DNR grant is awarded to Caledonia this year, the half-mile walking trail will be installed in spring 2020 and the CEC will move forward with planning and fundraising for the next project: an obstacle-style playground expansion including fitness equipment. If the DNR grant is not awarded to Caledonia this year, we will re-apply next year.

A heartfelt thank you to Bill Abba for all of his hard work on the DNR grant application!



# DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

Donations are very important to implementing the park plan. Businesses, groups, and individuals can all make donations or create memorials by using this form or the form available on the town website at [townofcaledonia.com/donations-and-memorials-](http://townofcaledonia.com/donations-and-memorials-)

Donated by:

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Address:

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Telephone Number & Email

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Donation Amount:

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Acknowledge this gift:

In memory of  In Honor of  From

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No acknowledgement

Make checks payable to Town of Caledonia and mail this form to PO Box 190, Readfield WI 54969 or put it in the mailbox outside of the Caledonia Community Center.

*Donations will be acknowledge on the town website*

# SEEKING LAND DONATION FOR SECOND PARK LOCATION

Adding a second park location in in the Town of Caledonia is the next project the Caledonia Enrichment Committee (CEC) plans to pursue. The CEC is already in conversations with a company that donates materials for sledding hills to determine whether Caledonia would qualify to have a sledding hill built at no charge on the new park site. Watch the town website for information as we learn more!

Ideally, the new park location would be 15+ acres of flat, clear land away from waterways or wetlands. If you are interested in donating land for a park, please contact Bill Abba at (920) 667-4953.





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- \* **Information on the Planning Commission and an introduction to the newest member**
- \* **Update on the walking trail at Readfield Park**

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