

Town of Battle Ground Newsletter

Town Hall

May 2018

**Town Hall
Weekday Hours
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Emergency 911
Business 765-567-2603**

Directory

Police Dispatch 423-9321

Town Marshal
Business line 567-2223
Jerry Burk

Deputies
Mark Gosney
Ben Beutler
Mike Boesch
Bill Dearing
Crossing Guard
Mike Owens

Tippecanoe Sheriff Dispatch
call for Police service: 423-9321

Territory Fire Station 567-2011
Township Fire Chief
Dave Bisher

Water Conservancy 567-4020
Superintendent
Dan Gemmecke
Assistant
Joey Talley

Street Department 567-4002
Town Supervisor
Ron Holladay
Assistant
Larry Bickett

Utility Office 567-2603

Utility Billing Deputy
Beth Whitus
Clerk-Treasurer
Georgia Jones

Town Council Members

Steve Egly, President
Mike Bird
Greg Jones
James Miller
Zach Raderstorf

Battle Ground Water Conservancy District Board Members

Andrea Agree, Chairman
Kerry Smith
Pam Gramelspacher
Steve Hancock
Ron Holladay
Shauna Summers
Carol Watson

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Road Repair Projects Start June 4th

When the last schoolbus rolls out of town at the end of May, two street paving projects may begin. Battle Ground has a contract with Fox Paving to mill and resurface Main Street from SR225 to the town limits, and Prophet's Rock Road between the bridge and County Road 600 North.

These two projects are part of the Community Crossings grant award received by the town in 2017. The total amount awarded for seven projects was \$291,862.50, which covered 75% of the total estimated expense of \$389,150. The projects were bid and the final amount needed was less than anticipated, leaving some funds ready for future projects.

This is the second grant award in two years: in 2016 the town received \$80,500 and completed a total of \$129,527.63 in repairs.

Main Street Mill and Resurface

Residents using Main Street will need to make arrangements for off-street parking during the project. When a start date is

provided by the contractor, signs will be posted to give as much notice as possible.

We don't know exactly when the work will start but once it does, it may take 5 days depending on the weather and other factors. Take alternate routes if you can and use care navigating side street detours.

Prophet's Rock Road

The bid for this work is resurface only, so the road will not be out of service long if at all. An interesting fact about Prophet's Rock is that the section of pavement from the bridge to County Road 300 is "owned" by the county. It is not inside the town limits, so the county is responsible for maintaining the pavement.

The town council is talking with the county to see if there is a way to transfer ownership rights, so the town can legally include that pavement in grant requests and make other decisions for maintenance. The County Highway Department has agreed to resurface their section concurrent with this year's paving project.

Tuesday is Trash Day

Trash removal and recycling service is provided for residential properties within town limits by contract with Waste Management. This year the contract is up for renewal using a bid process for this major expense in the town budget.

The current pickup schedule is posted on the town website and in printed form at Town Hall. Each residential property should have one trash tote and one recycle tote. Trash is weekly, recycle is every other week. In the case of Monday holiday, (Memorial Day, Labor Day) pickup is delayed one day.

In addition to the totes, overage tags can be purchased for \$1.00, to use when you have additional bagged trash. Place one tag on each bag.

On the second Tuesday of the month, the route driver will pick up one bulk item per residence.

What is a bulk item? Any non-freon household appliance or furniture (couch, chair, table, mattress, box spring, toilet, water heater, stove, dishwasher). Appliances that contain freon gas must have a certification tag that the freon was removed by an authorized technician.

Bulk items that are extremely heavy or too large for the trash hopper will not be accepted and the route driver will contact town hall.

If there is a problem with your pickup, call town hall first rather than Waste Management.

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The trash trucks cannot take leaves, grass clippings or brush. A compost area at the sewage plant on Prophets Rock Road is open to town residents only, to leave these items for compost.

Waste Management won't accept broken concrete, building demolition materials, motor oil, cooking oil, liquid paint, stain, varnish, televisions, computers or printers. Tippecanoe County Solid Waste District has a recycling center to handle these items. Read more at [//www.tippecanowaste.org/](http://www.tippecanowaste.org/)

Domestic Animal License

Ordinance #252

Dogs and Cats over 6 months of age need an annual tag. Bring proof of rabies vaccination when you come to purchase tags at Town Hall, weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost is \$3.00 for unaltered animals and \$1.00 with proof of spay/neuter.

Town Calendar

May

- 8 Bulk item pickup
- 14 Town Council 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Conservancy Board 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Memorial Day observed
Town Hall closed
- 30 Recycle pickup
Delayed one day due to holiday

June

- 11 Town Council 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Recycle and bulk item pickup
- 20 Conservancy Board 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Recycle pickup

July

- 4 July 4 holiday
Town Hall closed
- 9 Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Recycle and bulk item pickup
- 18 Conservancy Board 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Recycle pickup

August

- 7 Recycle and Trash pickup
- 13 Town Council 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Bulk item pickup
- 15 Conservancy Board 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Recycle pickup

September

- 3 Labor Day observed
Town Hall closed
- 5 Recycle pickup
- 10 Town Council 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Bulk item pickup

Your local government



Town Council meetings and Conservancy District meetings at Town Hall are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The Conservancy Board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.



The Battle Ground Lions Club donated a solar power flagpole light for the memorial on the corner at North and Railroad Street.

What a thoughtful way to honor our veterans.

**If you have a desire to be involved with the Club's programs in community service please call.
765-567-2316**

Save \$\$ on BG utility bills

Pay your account in full prior to the 17th and pay less for your utility service! Errors in payment information can delay posting until after the penalty is applied. There are some common errors to avoid in credit payments and checks.

Use a complete utility account number on each payment

If you don't include the bill stub, such as with online payments, provide the number for the account you are paying. Missing or incorrect account number could delay timely posting of your payment.

Review personal checks for missing info

Checks dated for the future or submitted without a signature will be returned to you. The written amount must be legible and match the numeric entry. If the bank does not read it as intended, your check-register might be out of balance with the bank statement.

June 15 is the start of Sprinkling Credit

The summer credit minimizes your sewage bill during the summer. More details on the website and on page 3 of this newsletter.

**Pay utility bill online
with a credit or debit card.**

www.battleground.in.gov

Payments made by midnight on the due date are considered timely and avoid penalties. Transactions are processed with PayGov, which charges a transaction fee. It takes 24 hours to receive your online payment, call the office if you have concerns.
765-567-2603

Be a good neighbor, have a good neighbor

As a resident of the tax district “Battle Ground Civil Town” you enjoy municipal services which are funded by property tax.

Residents also agree to abide by town ordinances designed to keep the peace in a healthy community environment. Think about the Golden Rule! Remember these expectations as spring turns to summer:

Pet Care—in addition to the required pet license, Ordinance 252 specifies that no animals may run at large but must be confined to a yard or **walked on a leash**.

There is provision to protect neighbors from nuisance such as barking, howling or chasing. If you see any visibly ill or vicious animal, call dispatch at 423-9321.

Street Care—If your mower has a side discharge, take care to keep **grass clippings and leaves out of the street**, as well and brush and leaves as these can clog the stormwater system. Battle Ground pays a service to sweep the streets once a month, but the

machine will not pick up these materials. The operator will simply drive past your area.

Lawn Care—A summer watering credit is applied to your sewage bill from **June 15 through September 15**. A sewage bill is normally calculated on the water meter reading, but during the summer will be adjusted to the average bill during winter months. When water use increases for summer fun or chores, the water charge increases but the sewage bill will be constant.

Lawns and lots inside town limits are to be **mowed regularly** and kept free of poisonous or offensive weeds and plant growth. See Ordinance 2012-497.

During the summer, town employees will monitor mosquito population. When control is warranted, there will be a weekly misting of 2% pyrethrin insecticide on town streets at dusk. The schedule will be posted at Town Hall and on the town website. If the State Board of Health issues

a West Nile advisory, the applications will increase.

Outdoor Living—Campfires and grilling out are popular, but no open burning which creates nuisance smoke and dangerous embers. Keep **backyard fires small, in a pit or fire ring** and use seasoned hardwood.

You may love to work outdoors late on a summer evening, however Ordinance 379 prohibits **excessive noise during the hours 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.** Engines, music and barking dogs are frequently cited. There is an exception for fireworks around the 4th of July, which is extended to midnight.

Evidence of past projects must be removed, including old building materials and inoperable vehicles. **On-street parking is only 24 hours** or less in all areas of town.

Life in a community requires some effort. Please take time to be a good neighbor, and find you also have good neighbors.

Take a Walk, Take a Ride, or Just Howl at the Moon

Right in your Battle Ground backyard are a few attractions that draw people from all over the state. Make time to see them yourself!

Fiddlers Gathering

June 22-24, 2018 in Battle Ground

Bluegrass and more, under the canopy of green at the Battlefield.

www.indianafiddlersgathering.org

Steam & Gas Power Show

July 28 at the Tippecanoe County Amphitheater

The Tippecanoe Steam & Gas Power Association, Inc. (TSGPA) is dedicated to preserving antique farm machinery and equipment.

www.tsgpai.org

Tippecanoe Battlefield and Museum

A national historic landmark, this 96-acre park offers picnic areas, historic and scenic hiking trails, a history store and museum plus and the Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center. Reserve the park shelter for events. 765-463-2306. www.tippecanoehistory.org

Historic Prophetstown State Park

Located where the Tippecanoe River meets the Wabash, the park's landscape has been shaped by ice from the glaciers, moving water, and fire that helped maintain the vast tallgrass prairie www.stateparks.com/prophetstown_state_park_in_indiana.html

Wolf Park

See wolves in their habitat and learn about behavioral research and conservation designed to improve the public's understanding of wolves and the value they provide to our environment. You can howl with wolves here! <http://wolfpark.org>

Canal Park, Delphi

Tour guides in a replica 19th century canal boat share adventures and stories of everyday life as it was 150 years ago on the Wabash & Erie Canal. Towpath trails and other trails running through the Park are part of historic Delphi's 10 mile trail system. www.wabashanderiecanal.org

BATTLE GROUND TOWN HALL

100 College Street
PO Box 303
Battle Ground, IN 47920

Inside:

- ⇒ Street repairs to begin
- ⇒ Summer ordinance review
- ⇒ Area events and attractions
- ⇒ New flag and light on North St
- ⇒ Domestic Animal License

Account Review, if you please...

Update your preferred contact phone number on your utility account, in case we need to advise you about service.

Call 765-567-2603

For notice of system-wide maintenance such as flushing or Boil Advisory, sign up for ALERTS at

www.water.battleground.in.gov



Yard Sale Permits

Ordinance 2016-542

ensures your neighborhood does not become a retail destination!

Purchase a 4-day sale permit in advance for \$1.00 at town hall, and display it "prominently" during the sale. Each residence is allowed two permits per year.

Summer Visitors: Rabbit Nests



Mating season for rabbits runs from March through September; there's a possibility you may come across a nest in your yard.

Rabbits like to make nests in grassy areas, sometimes in the open or near bushes. Many people get worried when they find a nest and don't see the mother. Rabbits place their nests in open areas because predators typically avoid these spaces. To help protect the nest, the mother tries not to bring attention to it. So, she only visits when necessary, typically at night or early morning to feed.

Here are some pointers if you find a nest:

Try to avoid disturbing the area, but if you believe something (a child, animal, pet, etc.) already has, check to make sure the babies are uninjured. If one is injured, call the local DNR wildlife rehabilitator (Jean Jacob, 765-463-7911)

Place a marker near the nest so you and your family don't forget its location. Place a small fence around it if your pets or children get too close. Keep in mind to have holes large enough for the mother.

Check your yard for nests before you mow. Avoid the area while mowing and walking.

Leave the nest covered.

If a baby rabbit has been touched, it's ok. The mother will not abandon it.

It only take a few weeks for babies to develop into self-sustainable rabbits, at which point you no longer need to worry about disturbing the nest.

For more information visit: www.vetstreet.com/our-pet-experts/what-should-you-do-if-you-find-a-bunny-nest