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This annual newsletter provides useful information for Town of Delafield citizens.

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ELECTIONS

Spring Primary: Tuesday, February 16th
In-person absentee (early) voting in the Clerk's office will be held Monday, February 1st – Friday, February 12th, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Friday, February 12th until 5:00 p.m.)

Spring Election: Tuesday, April 5th
In-person absentee (early) voting in the Clerk's office will be held Monday, March 21st – Friday, April 1st, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Friday, April 1st until 5:00 p.m.)

Partisan Primary: Tuesday, August 9th
In-person absentee (early) voting in the Clerk's office will be held Monday, July 25th – Friday, August 5th, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Friday, August 5th until 5:00 p.m.)

General Election: Tuesday, November 8th
In-person absentee (early) voting in the Clerk's office will be held Monday, October 24th – Friday, November 4th, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Friday, November 4th until 5:00 p.m.)

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you are eligible to vote in the Town of Delafield but have not yet registered, you are urged to do so now. While you may register to vote at the polls on Election Day, this may cause a delay particularly during a high turnout election.

BY MAIL:

You may register by mail up to 20 days before an election. Your registration form must be completed, signed and mailed or delivered to the Clerk's office. You must always provide proof of residence. Please visit www.townofdelafield.org for a complete list of documents that constitute proof of residence.

IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE:

You may register in-person up until 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election. The voter registration application is available, under Forms, at www.townofdelafield.org. Photo ID is never required when registering to vote. Voters must reside at their address for at least 28 days by Election Day to register to vote. Voters who have moved within Wisconsin less than 28 days before the election must vote from their previous address. Voters who have moved to Wisconsin from another state less than 28 days before an election are only eligible to vote in Presidential elections.



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The strength of a community is measured, in part, by the willingness of neighbors to help a neighbor in need. The fire department protects the families of the town and is made up of neighbors who are willing to help when called upon.

We, the fire department, would like to extend an invitation to you, the opportunity to join our group of neighbors helping neighbors. There is nothing more rewarding than helping those in need. We can share this experience with you.

If you would like to have a direct role in making the community stronger, making a difference in the life of a neighbor in need, please contact us at 262.646.6666 or FireDepartment@Townofdelafield.org

DOG LICENSE

The Town of Delafield dog license expires December 31st of each year. By Wisconsin State Statutes, all dogs are required to be licensed. A late fee of \$5.00 shall be assessed to the owner of each dog (5 months of age or older) who fails to obtain a dog license by April 1st of each year. Dog license forms are available at www.townofdelafield.org

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Recreation Coordinator: parkandrec@townofdelafield.org
Comments and suggestions are welcome.



RAIN GARDENS

A BEAUTIFUL SOLUTION TO RUNOFF POLLUTION

Rain gardens are becoming more popular through Waukesha Co. & Milwaukee Co. Individuals & subdivisions are taking advantage of the benefits of rain gardens to meet WDNR water quality requirements.



How Can You Have a Rain Garden?

Information about planning & installation can be found in the "Rain Garden How-To Manual" available online from the Waukesha County website: waukeshacounty.gov. Once you have a plan in place, select the plants for your garden. Choose plants by height, bloom time, color - whatever your preference.

Why build a rain garden?

- Water that soaks in replenishes groundwater & helps prevent flooding
- A rain garden protects water quality by trapping sediment, fertilizers & other pollutants
- Rain gardens need no additional fertilizer & little pesticides
- Native plants provide food & shelter for butterflies, song birds & other animals

A typical rain garden:

- Is a sunken garden 4-8 inches deep
- Has a flat bottom
- Is 1/3 the size of the area draining to it - usually 75-300 square feet
- Can be formal or informal in design
- Drains within 2 days, as to not provide breeding grounds to mosquitoes
- Is planted with native plants to better infiltrate the water



2016 COMMUNITY EVENTS

For more information and volunteer opportunities visit our website: <http://www.townofdelafield.org/events.html>, facebook: www.facebook.com/laphampeakfrighthike or contact 262.364.7773 / parkandrec@townofdelafield.org.



Our Park and Recreation Commission consists of a wonderful board of volunteers who care about our community environment. The gravel trail at Elmhurst Park is paved and we are happy to see a resulting increase in visitors. We also look forward to the construction of our new 'North Shore Park', located on Hwy KE between Woodridge Estates and Summerhill subdivisions.

Our 18th Annual Fright Hike was spooktacular!

Despite the rain, we had record breaking attendance! This fundraising event would not be possible without our wonderful community volunteers along with support from the staff and Friends of Lapham Peak. A percentage of the money raised in 2015 benefited the local High School/Church Group volunteers and the Friends of Lapham Peak snowmaking, with the majority of the profits back to the Town of Delafield Park and Recreation Program. Last year's profits were spent on new ramp material for our skate park at Sports Commons, which will be resurfaced this Spring. To view photos of the 2015 Fright Hike visit: www.facebook.com/laphampeakfrighthike

Save-the-dates! We are proud to announce our 2nd Community Egg Hunt in cooperation with the Delafield Chamber of Commerce-Destination 83 Business Group on **March 26th** from 10-noon. This free, family friendly, event will be held at our very own Sports Commons Park and will include activities geared toward ages 12 and under. Don't forget to mark your calendar for our 19th annual Fright Hike, **October 21st and 22nd**, at Lapham Peak.

Parks and Recreation influence the quality of life in our community. While providing social, health, and environmental benefits, parks and open spaces enhance property values. The Town of Delafield is rich in preserved land, home to Lapham Peak State Park and many trail systems, it offers a vast recreational landscape for its residents. Well-maintained parks along with recreational programming and events, (like our baseball program, family-friendly Egg Hunt & annual Fright Hike), are keys to maintaining a strong safe community. A special thank you to the Town's DPW crew and Park and Recreation Commission for your support. We are enthusiastic about the new year and look forward to serving your recreation needs in 2016. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 262.364.7773 or parkandrec@townofdelafield.org.



Angela Lorbach
Park & Recreation Coordinator



Kettle Moraine HS Cheerleaders/'Carnivel' partnered with the Glacier Valley Gang/'Macabre Magic Show' to create the best scary scene at the 2015 Fright Hike followed by Church of the Resurrection Youth Group/'No Mercy Hospital' and St. John's Military Academy/'Army of Darkness Cemetary', as voted by over 3000 attendees.



VISIT OUR PARKS

Enjoy the sledding hill at Del-Town, a relaxing walk at Elmhurst, or take in some athletic activities at Sports Commons; where you will find skate boarding, volleyball, basketball, baseball, soccer, and playground amenities.

Our Town Parks include **Elmhurst Park** - located on Hwy G just South of I-94, **Sports Commons Park** - located on Silvernail and Maple along I-94, **Del-Town Park** - located on Golf Road along I-94, and coming soon **North Shore Park** - located on Hwy KE between Woodridge Estates and Summerhill subdivisions. The shelters at Elmhurst and Sports Commons are available for party or meeting rentals. The fields at Del-Town and Sports Commons are also available for rent. Our recreational leagues receive priority booking. Summer field rentals for all other teams begin in late April. For rental agreements and fees visit: <http://www.townofdelafield.org/parkrec.html>

DONATE/VOLUNTEER

Interested in donating a tree or bench, in your name, to one of our Town Parks? Would you, your organization, or your business like to be involved and make a difference in your community? From face painting at our Egg Hunt to setting up a scary scene at our Annual Lapham Peak Fright Hike Fundraiser, the Town of Delafield Park and Recreation Commission is always in need of volunteers. We have opportunities in concessions, parking, security, set-up and clean-up at our events. Food and beverages, props, decorations, lighting, and monetary donations are always welcome.

For more information on donation and volunteer opportunities, please contact 262.364.7773 or parkandrec@townofdelafield.org.

PLEASE KEEP OUR PARKS CLEAN



Our Sports Commons Skate Park is our most heavily-trafficked facility, frequented even more than our sports fields. It also requires the most maintenance. Our DPW crew repairs vandalism to the ramps, tightens loose screws, covers up graffiti, and cleans up litter on a weekly basis during the summer months. The community is fortunate to have places like our Skate Park for our youth to remain active and social in this high-tech world. Please spread the word to take care of our parks. Thank you for your support.



**Town of Delafield Park and Recreation
BASEBALL REGISTRATION**

**2016 BASEBALL REGISTRATION
BEGINS NOW THROUGH MARCH 23RD!**

**Tball & Coach Pitch (ages 5-6 & 7-8),
Boys' Baseball (ages 8-17), and Girls' Softball (ages 9-14)**

All teams are led by parent volunteer coaches and are divided by age level, school district, and friend/coach requests. Players receive a t-shirt and cap as part of the registration fee. Forms and fees must be mailed in or dropped off at the Town Hall W302N1254 Maple Avenue Delafield, WI 53018. Please visit our website at www.townofdelafield.org for information and registration forms.

Special thanks to our 2015 coaches, sponsors, DPW crew, and our friends at the Waukesha YMCA Land O' Leagues and Wales Recreation Department who all play a large part in contributing to the success of our Town of Delafield Baseball/Softball program.

**If you are interested in coaching, umpiring,
or sponsoring a team, please contact Angela Lorbach
at 262.364.7773 / parkandrec@townofdelafield.org.**



The Town of Delafield Baseball League attended 'Little League Night' at Miller Park last June. Our young stars are all smiles after marching in the pre-game parade.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2015 FRIGHT HIKE SPONSORS

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Marty's Pizza, Delafield • Sendik's, Hartland • Culver's, Wales • Event Security provided by Friends of Lapham Peak

Thank you to our 2015 team sponsors

Albrecht's Delafield Market • Bucky's Lakeside Pub & Grill • Children's Hospital • Colby Construction
Grade A Strategies • Milwaukee Steakhouse • Nashotah Clubhouse • New Berlin Bowl • R&R Insurance