



FAIRWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Greetings from the Fairwater Historical Society (FHS). In 2019, our first FHS scholarship was awarded to Fairwater resident, Allison Geerds. This \$500 scholarship is available to seniors in the Markesan and Laconia Districts for students pursuing an education in History. Laconia is included because it is a former part of the Fairwater School. Allison is attending UWGB with History as a part of her studies.



2021 Fairwater Historical Society's Outdoor Polka Worship Service Sunday, July 18th @ 9:00 am

The service is held on the Front Lawn of The Historical Society. There will be a Brat Stand, Ice Cream Barn and Tractor Show!
~ Details to be Announced ~



Village of Fairwater

MEET THE BOARD & STAFF

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ANNUAL BULKY ITEM PICKUP

Tuesday, May 11
(More info inside newsletter)

Holiday Garbage Collection Dates:

Memorial Day Week —
Fourth of July Week —
Labor Day Week —
Thanksgiving Week —
Christmas Week —
New Years Week —

We're on the web!

www.villageoffairwater.com/

Village of Fairwater

2021 NEWSLETTER



The Fairwater Village Board meets on the second Monday of every month at 6:45 p.m. in the lower level of the Civic Center. These are open meetings and all are welcome to attend



CIVIC CENTER RENTAL:

There has been a lot of inquiries about renting the civic center and when will it open back up for private rentals. In short, the answer is we do not know. The civic center has been closed for private rentals since March 2020 due to Covid-19 and the limitations on both private and public gatherings. The village board reviews this topic monthly and is being cautiously optimistic that it may re-open in the near future. When the civic center does reopen, the board approved a slight increase in the rental fee beginning January 2021. For a Fairwater resident, the rental fee is \$50.00. Chairs, tables and refrigerator are supplied with a large serving counter. The lower level can accommodate about 80 people seated comfortably and is wheelchair accessible. A signed rental contract is required and can be found on the Village website.



UPDATES FROM THE BRANDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library has become more than a place to pick up books, and this is especially the case at the Brandon Public Library. Besides books, there are books on tape, DVDs, music CDs, and magazines available as well. We can get anything you need. Our Library is a part of the Winnefox Library System. So, if we don't have what you're looking for in-house, we can "borrow" from any of the other 29 libraries in the Winnefox System with a 5-day delivery, or we can even acquire from outside the system (state or nation-wide). You can stop in any time to use our fax machine, color printer/copier/scanner, four public computers and find Wi-Fi available 24/7. In addition to all these resources, we typically offer many programs throughout the year. After 2020, we are slowly planning to offer programs again safely. These include use of a 3D printer and game nights, hands-on woodworking (with a CNC woodcarver), greenscreen photography, adult coloring, music lab, embroidery and sewing basics, cooking class, and a tinker classes. We will have movie nights, LEGO Club, Preschool Story Time, Book Club, and Author Signings throughout the year along with our Summer Reading Program. Find us on Facebook, sign up for our email newsletter from our website, or check our website at www.brandonlibrary.net to stay up-to-date.



HOWEVER, the problems we now face include having outgrown our 19th century facility that is not capable of fully supporting our service area to the fullest. Upgrading and expanding the library facility to provide 21st century accommodations will ensure the library's continued ability to serve the needs of the area. To realize this urgent need, we have implemented campaign efforts to raise the \$500,000 necessary to complete the library's expansion project. We are depending on the special partnership of community support for our success. Please stop in the library to see our plans and vision. I welcome any questions you may have.

Free library card, free resources, stop in!
Christy Ross, Director

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UPDATES FROM THE BRANDON-FAIRWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Have you ever heard sirens and wondered, where are they going? Have you ever seen smoke coming from a structure and prayed that everyone is okay? Have you stopped to think that I live in a great area and would really like to help my neighbor? Have you ever thought about being a part of a team? If you answered yes to any of these, the Brandon-Fairwater Fire Department would like to talk to you. We are looking for energetic individuals that are willing to help out our communities that we serve as well as our neighboring departments. If you feel you would like to join the Brandon-Fairwater Fire Department, please feel free to contact myself or any member of the department.

I wish everyone a safe 2021!
Kevin Lieske, Chief



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Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 12 – 16, 2021
It's a great time to make and practice your emergency plan.

ANNUAL BULKY ITEM PICKUP: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

"Bulky Waste" means discarded items that are larger than three (3) feet in any dimension, and/or heavier than fifty (50) pounds in weight, and/or otherwise will not fit within an empty cart, thus too large or too "bulky" to be collected with weekly garbage pickup. Examples include, but not limited to items such as mattresses and box springs, indoor/outdoor furniture, swing sets, plastic swimming pools, large toys, bicycles, sofas, chairs, carpets and tables.

MATTOX-HENSLIN POST 378, AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Post is planning on a Memorial Day Observance in Fairwater at 10:30 AM and at Brandon at 9:00 AM. No details at this time because of the uncertainty of the Covid 19 situation. The Legion Post and Auxiliary will be holding a Brat Fry on Sept 17th and 18th at the Brat stand in Brandon. The Brandon Memorial Committee will hold a brat fry on October 1st and 2nd.



RECYCLCE OLD ELECTRONICS DURING SPRING CLEANING

It's the time of the year for emptying basements, cleaning out drawers and finding new homes for all the clutter that accumulated over the winter. For a growing number of Wisconsin residents, that clutter includes old electronics like computers, cell phones or TVs.

While it may be tempting to toss the old cell phones in the trash with the rest of the basement junk, or haul the TV to the curb, state law bans most electronics from Wisconsin's landfills. Instead, residents can use E-Cycle Wisconsin to recycle electronics at more than 400 locations around the state.



Electronics are resources that are too valuable to waste, and we can help both our economy and the environment by recycling them. They contain valuable materials that can be recycled and reused. These materials include plastics, steel, glass and precious metals like gold and copper.

Many devices also contain harmful materials such as lead, mercury, chromium and chemical flame retardants. If disposed of improperly, these pollutants can pose a risk to human and environmental health.

A local e-cycling location, Grant's, is open year round and is located right in Ripon. Their address is 117 Watson Street, Ripon.

Residents may be asked to pay a fee to help cover the full cost of responsibly recycling their old electronics, especially larger, old TV's.

IMPORTANT NEW OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

Burning of yard waste will only be allowed only on the 1st and 3rd weekends of every month. This includes Friday, Saturday and Sunday from the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Burning of construction waste or garbage is prohibited.

CONTROLLED BURN

If you plan on doing a controlled burn, other than a campfire, you must call the Fond du Lac County dispatch non-emergency number (920)-929-3390 to report your controlled burn. You will need to provide them with your address and phone number that you can be reached at during the burn. If this procedure is not followed and the fire department is called to respond, you will be responsible for the entire cost of the fire call.