

News from the Town of Battle Ground

Town Hall

August 2016

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

**Emergency 911
Business 567-2603**

Directory

Town Marshal 567-2223
Jerry Burk

Deputies

Mark Gosney
Todd Riley
Sheriff Dispatch 423-9321

Fire Station 567-2011
Fire Chief
Dave Bisher

Water Dept 567-4020
Superintendent
Dan Gemmecke

Street Dept 567-4002
Town Supervisor
Ron Holladay

Assistant
Keith Rausch

Town Hall 567-2603
Utility Billing Deputy
Beth Whitus

Clerk-Treasurer
Georgia Jones

Town Council Members

Steve Egly, President
Mike Bird
Greg Jones
James Miller
Greg Schroeder

Battle Ground Conservancy District Board Members

Kerry Smith, Chairman
Andrea Agree
Pam Gramelpacher
Steve Hancock
Ron Holladay
Shauna Summers

Town Departments and Trash Collection

The town departments are working diligently to take care of your neighborhood.

The marshal and deputies are patrolling the town during early morning hours, after school, and through the evening watching for safety issues. For emergency assistance call 911. For non-emergency issues call 765-567-2603.

The street department takes care of road repair, mowing, and autumn leaf removal. If there is storm debris on the road, call 765-567-4002.

Weekly trash pickup for Battle Ground residents is Tuesday, unless Monday is a holiday, then trash col-

lection is Wednesday. The second Tuesday every month is large item pickup. A trash tote and recycle bin are supplied to each address, and crews will take additional bags if they are tagged. Purchase trash tags at Town Hall for \$1.00 and use them as needed.

Be sure to check the town website www.battleground.in.gov for the latest information on acceptable items for recycling. Items that will not be collected include: televisions, computers, fryer oil, motor oil, cans of liquid varnish, paint or stain. Call 567-2603 for information about recycling these items or stop by Town Hall for a brochure on waste and recycling.

Storm Water Utility Study

The town is exploring the creation of a storm water utility similar to other local municipalities. The utility would be responsible for maintaining certain storm water easements and drainage structures. Residents would be assessed a fee to fund the utility. The engineering study has been concluded and a financial review is now being conducted. Once that review is complete a public hearing will be held before the town council decides if such a utility should be created.

Spraying for Mosquitos

During the summer, the street department staff may, when conditions are right, spray for mosquitos. The spray dates will be posted at Town Hall and at the post office in Battle Ground.

At this time the schedule is Monday and Wednesday in the central town area, and Tuesday and Thursday on CR600 and the subdivisions north and south of that road. If there is little rainfall, the schedule will be reduced

to 2 days per week or postponed until conditions warrant.

This spray will linger in the air a short time. Keep children and pets at least 40 feet from the street to avoid any contact with the micro-mist. Other types of insect control are used to prevent hatching in storm water drains. Together these methods will reduce the mosquito population and hopefully make your summer evenings outdoors more enjoyable.

Compost center

Residents who live inside municipal town limits are welcome to use the compost center at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is primarily for the street department to remove limbs and branches from roads and right of way areas.

Residents may use the compost to dispose of grass clippings, leaves, and organic garden waste. There is a separate collection pile for small limbs and tree branches from storms or home maintenance.

Town property owners pay for this convenience as part of town services. There is a \$500

fine for non-residents and for the unauthorized dumping of trash.

Please let us know if you observe contractors in the compost area. The increased cost of handling large loads of commercial material means greater expense to residents.

Residents may pick up FREE compost and mulch. Call Town Hall in advance if you wish to haul a large amount and need help loading a truck or trailer.

Compost hours for residents: weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and weekends 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Yard Sale Permits

Yard sale permits are required for individual homeowners, to identify a sale as temporary and not a retail operation in a residential area. Each \$1.00 permit is good for up to five days. You may purchase two permits per year.

Visit Our Website

The town's web site has been redesigned and will soon be updated with meeting minutes, ordinances, a community calendar, and special news events.

Be sure to visit the website regularly to see what is new.

Domestic Animal License Tag Ordinance #252

Dogs and cats 6 months of age or more must be licensed at Town Hall. Registration for unaltered animals is \$3.00 and with proof of spay/neuter the tags are only \$1.00. Proof of rabies vaccination must be submitted at the time of registration. 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Town Hall, weekdays.

Town Council Meetings

Town Council meetings and Conservancy District meetings are public meetings at Town Hall, and residents are encouraged to attend. Town Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday each month. If Monday is a holiday, the meeting is held the following Tuesday. The Sewage Board has a works board meeting on the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.

The Conservancy Board currently meets on the third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Both boards advertise a meeting agenda three days in advance at Town Hall and at the Battle Ground Post Office. If the meeting time changes it will be noted on the posted agenda.

If you have a concern, contact the staff at Town Hall to be included in the meeting agenda.

Summer Sprinkling Credit

August - October utility bills will reflect the Summer Sprinkling Credit, a reduction in the wastewater bill to account for lawn and garden watering in the late summer months. Credit is calculated on the actual December to March usage and

applied June 15 - September 15. Residents may also request to have one additional credit per calendar year for pool fills or other uses where the water did not enter the wastewater collection system.

Lawn Ordinance

Going on vacation? You can pay your utility bill in advance, and don't forget to have someone mow your lawn. Residents need to keep grass under 10" tall to comply with town ordinance.

Battle Ground Utility Service

Battle Ground public utilities are provided by two entities, the Battle Ground Conservancy District and the Battle Ground Wastewater Utility.

The wastewater plant is operated by town employees who manage the collection and treatment process.

The Conservancy District is responsible for well fields and the drinking water distribution system.

When a new customer moves into the utility service area, there is a deposit for water and a separate deposit for waste treatment. You will also see the separate charges on your bill, along with the total amount due.

Payments are due in the utility office at Town Hall by midnight on the due date listed on your bill. If payment is received after this time, a penalty fee will be added.

If you want to mail your payment, the local USPS delivery system can take four or five business days to reach our mailbox even if you are mailing from a Battle Ground address. Payments can be placed in the drop box at Town Hall if you are concerned about meeting the deadline.

Utility accounts must be paid in full by the last day of the month to maintain continuous water service.

The Water Superintendent may, as a courtesy, leave a door tag with 24 hour notice before disconnect for non-payment.

There is a re-connect fee, and the account must be brought up to date before service resumes. Call us if you have a question about payment dates or amounts.



Services such as weekly trash pickup, street sweeping and repairs, compost center, and mosquito control are provided to residents who live inside the town municipal limits. Utility customers on Greenview, or along Prophet's Rock Road (for example) are not in the tax district of "Battle Ground Civil Town" and do not receive these services. If you have questions about your tax district or location of town boundaries please call Town Hall.

Waste Treatment Concerns

The wastewater treatment plant was renovated in 2013 and the upgrades are serving us well. One thing we are finding costly to repair is blockages caused by "flushable wipes." You may have seen news

reports that larger communities are also having challenges with increasing use of this item. Lift stations cannot quickly pulverize the heavier weight material as they do toilet tissue, and the cost of main-

taining pumps is rising. We mention this as a concern for the future, as we budget for repairs and see the real cost of this convenience item in higher operating expense for the utility.

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Town Calendar

August

22 Sewage Board 7:00 p.m.

September

5 Labor Day - Town Hall closed
6 no trash pickup
7 Trash pickup after holiday
12 Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
13 Large trash pickup
21 Conservancy Board 6:00 p.m.
26 Sewage Board 7:00 p.m.

October

1 Curbside leaf pickup begins
10 Columbus Day - Town Hall closed
11 Town Council Meeting
11 Large trash pickup
19 Conservancy Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
24 Sewage Board 7:00 p.m.

November

8 Election Day - Town Hall closed
8 Large trash pickup
11 Veteran's Day- Town Hall closed
14 Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

16 Conservancy Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
24,25 Thanksgiving Holiday - Town Hall closed
28 Sewage Board 7:00 p.m.

December

12 Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
13 Large trash pickup
21 Conservancy Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
23 Christmas observed - Town Hall closed
26 Christmas observed - Town Hall closed
27 Normal trash pickup
30 New Year's holiday - Town Hall closed

January 2017

2 New Year's holiday - Town Hall closed
9 Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
16 Martin Luther King Day - Town Hall closed
18 Conservancy Board 6:00 p.m.
23 Sewage Board 7:00 p.m.

February 2017

13 Town Council 7:00 p.m.
15 Conservancy Board 6:00 p.m.
20 President's Day - Town Hall closed

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