Town of Lowell Newsletter
Winter 2016

Winter Travel Advice

Winter weather can be cold, wet, and annoying, but the Town of Lowell Street Department is prepared to combat the snow and ice to maintain our local roadways. The Town snowplow operators face many challenges including limited visibility, narrow streets and hazardous conditions. Residents can help with the town's snow removal in these ways:

* Park all cars in driveways. It is unlawful to park on any paved and traveled portion of any street within the town for a period of 12 hours after a snowfall of two (2) or more inches. Parking in the street near a mailbox also increases the risk of snow being piled up nearby and mail delivery being interrupted.
* Recognize that the snowplow trucks often need to make multiple passes on a street to clear a path wide enough for safe travel. Residents may wish to delay clearing the entrances to their driveways while the plowing is in progress.
* Please refrain from pushing snow back into the cleared streets. It is unlawful to deposit snow from private property onto any public street in town.

Holiday Closings

The Town Hall and town offices will be closed Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th and also Monday, January 2nd for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Garbage collection will be delayed one (1) day during the week of December 25th and January 1st. The garbage collection will take place on Saturday, December 31st and Saturday, January 7th.

Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's annual Christmas Parade of Lights! The Parks Department would like to thank everyone who donated money, participated as an entrant, or watched as a spectator. This years winners were: 1st Place - Debbie's Designs / 2nd Place: Laurel & Orsay / 3rd Place: Girl Scout Unit #309

Christmas Tree Pick-up

The Lowell Street Department will be picking up live Christmas trees beginning January 2nd thru January 14th. Please set your tree at the curb, not on the road, and the Street Department will pick them up as they see them.

Alarm Permit Renewal

Applications for permits to install, maintain, and operate alarm systems are available in the Clerk-Treasurer's office at the Town Hall, 501 E. Main Street. The application fee is $25 for single-family residences and $50 for multi-family, commercial, and industrial buildings. A $20 permit renewal fee is due on or before January 15th.

Lowell Town Council Meetings

The Lowell Town Council meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Lowell Town Hall located at 501 East Main Street.

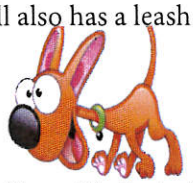
Parking Permit Renewals

Downtown residents are reminded that it is time to renew their parking permits for 2017. An ordinance adopted in 1991 allows residents of any downtown building to obtain a special parking permit from the Clerk-Treasurer's office. The permit allows a vehicle to be parked in designated areas of the north and south municipal parking lots for periods in excess of 24 hours. The parking permit does not allow for violations of the abandoned vehicle provisions of the town's parking ordinance.

The parking permits are issued on a calendar year basis and are renewable on December 31st of each year. These permits can be purchased in the Clerk-Treasurer's office at the Town Hall, 501 E. Main St., during regular business hours.

Cat & Dog Tag Renewal

The Town of Lowell requires pet owners to register their cats and dogs each year. Tags are issued annually and expire each year on December 31st. Proof of vaccinations is required when obtaining a tag at the Police Station at 1331 E. Commercial Ave. This can be done during the business hours of Monday & Fridays 8am - 4pm and on Wednesdays from 1pm - 9pm. If you have any questions they can be reached at 219-696-0411 ext. 3 daily. Lowell also has a leash law for cats and dogs walking outside their yards.



Bark Park Registration

Freedom Bark Park is located in the southeast corner of Freedom Park on five acres of beautifully designed landscape. Membership is required and annual passes are available with proof of current vaccinations. Please bring a copy of current Rabies, Distemper/Parvo and Leptospirosis (DHPPL) vaccines. Vaccines must accompany your registration form and will be kept on file. It is your responsibility to provide a new copy whenever vaccines are updated. For a list of fees and further information, please visit www.freedombarkpark.com or call 219-696-1570.

Reserve A Park Shelter for 2017

Do you need to reserve a shelter in one of the town's parks for use in 2017? Reservations will be taken starting on January 4th in the Park Office at Freedom Park. For information on reservation fees and locations, please call 219-696-1570.

Spring Soccer Sign-Ups

Spring Soccer registration for the Freedom Park soccer programs will be held at the Lowell Town Hall on Friday, February 19th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, and Saturday, February 20th from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. This program is for children ages 4 - 14 years and costs $55 per resident and $60 per non-resident. The park is in need of coaches, assistant coaches and referees! Those who coach or assistant coach teams will be able to early register at the Park Office in January. Those who woud like to coach will need to make contact with the Parks Department prior to Janaury. For further information, please call 219-696-1570.

Board Applications Due

The Lowell Town Council is now accepting applications from residents interested in serving on local governmental boards and commissions. **To be eligible for these positions, residents must live within the corporate limits of the town.** Applications are now available at the Town Hall, 501 E. Main Street or online at **www.lowell.net.**

From all of us at the Town Hall and Town Departments, have a very Happy Holiday Season and a safe New Year!!!