

Town of Lowell Newsletter

Winter 2015

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

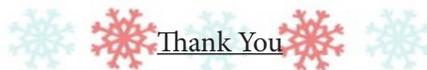


The Town Hall and town offices will be closed Thursday, December 24th thru Friday, December 25th and Thursday, December 31st thru Friday, January 1st for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Garbage collection will be delayed one (1) day each of those weeks and will take place on Saturday, December 26th and Saturday, January 2nd.



2016 Recycle Calendars

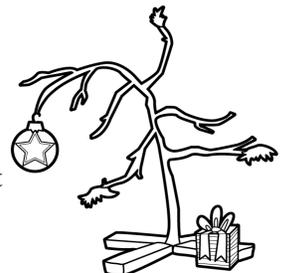
The new 2016 recycle calendars have been added to www.lowell.net. Please feel free to print a copy or stop by the Town Hall to pick one up at the Department of Public Utilities window.



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.

Christmas Tree Pick-up

The Lowell Street Department will be picking up live Christmas trees beginning December 28th thru January 15th. 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.

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Parking Permit Renewals

Downtown residents are reminded that it is time to renew their parking permits for 2016. 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. 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 2016

Do you need to reserve a shelter in one of the town's parks for use in 2016? 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 would like to coach will need to make contact with the Parks Department prior to January. For further information, please call 219-696-1570.

Rebuilding Together of South Lake County Coming to Lowell in 2016

The Town of Lowell will be hosting "Rebuilding Together of South Lake County" in September 2016. The focus of this group is to provide free home repairs to the elderly, handicapped and low-income families. Residents will be required to fill out an application and will be chosen based on need. Proof of home ownership and income verification must also be provided by all applicants. Applications will be available at the Town Hall, 501 E. Main St., starting on January 2nd and must be returned no later than April 30, 2016.



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

