WASHINGTON ISLAND RECREATION CENTER

Post Office Box 68 – Washington Island, Wisconsin 54246

To the Board of the Town of Washington:

This letter is to inform the Town of Washington that the Mosling Recreation Center Committee came to a unanimous decision on July 26, 2012 to replace the existing Pool-pak unit with a Dectron unit. The life expectancy of this type of equipment is normally 20 years, but with Mack's assistance we were able to make the Pool-pak last 25 years.

There were three bids submitted for this job with Johnson Controls being the lowest bid. Since this is an off budget item and the expense is in excess of $236,000 we feel it necessary to inform the town.

Since this unit is custom built it will take 14 weeks before they can start the project; therefore, we are looking at an early November delivery. Installation will take three weeks and the pool will be closed during this time.

Sincerely,

Daniel Nerenhausen

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President –Rec Center Committee

Wisconsin Towns Association
65th Annual Convention
- Registration Form -

(This form should be copied for multiple registrations)

October 14-16, 2012, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, Wisconsin

NAME _____ **OFFICE OR TITLE** _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

NAME OF TOWN OR VILLAGE _____ **COUNTY** _____

SPOUSE OR GUEST NAME (for name tag if registering) _____

Years of Service as a Town Officer if 30 Years or More _____

Were you recognized with a Certificate at the 2009, 2010 or 2011 Convention? Yes _____ **No** _____

Please Check Appropriate Line or Lines Below:

FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Number		$$
_____	Town/Village Officer* $125.00	_____
_____	Spouse or Guest* $25.00	_____
_____	Mon. 1:15 p.m. Bus to Mall No Charge, limited to first 80 registered	N.A.
_____	Tues. 1:15 p.m. Jewelry Making Demonstration $10 (Registered Spouses Only, Limited to 50)	_____
_____	Optional Spouse Luncheon $12/day (Registered Spouses & Guests Only) Mon. _____ Tues. _____ Both _____	_____
_____	*Mon. Evening Banquet Optional $35.00 per person	_____

SINGLE DAY Monday _____ Tuesday _____

Number		$$
_____	Town/Village Officer* $70.00	_____
_____	Spouse or Guest* $25.00	_____
_____	Mon. 1:15 p.m. Bus to Mall No Charge, limited to first 80 registered	N.A.
_____	Tues. 1:15 p.m. Jewelry Making Demonstration $10 (Registered Spouses Only, Limited to 50)	_____
_____	Optional Spouse Luncheon $12/day (Registered Spouses & Guests Only) Mon. _____ Tues. _____ Both _____	_____
_____	*Mon. Evening Banquet Optional $35.00 per person	_____

*A non-registered spouse or guest may also purchase a Banquet Ticket for $35.00. Please indicate that purchase above.

TOTAL $ Amount _____ **TOTAL $ Amount** _____

- Note: The registration includes lunch for officers, but not spouses or guests. Registration does not include the optional Monday Evening Banquet for either. Lunch tickets may be purchased for spouses/guests.

- Please include all complete names coming under one registration fee (on separate registration forms) and send your check along with registration forms to: Wisconsin Towns Association, W7686 County Road MMM, Shawano, Wis. 54166-6086.

- Please return registration forms and checks by Tuesday, September 25, 2012!! Registrations received after that date will be $15.00 per person higher for late registration fee.

From the Desk of Executive Director
By: Richard J. Stadelman

65th Annual Convention
Wisconsin Towns Association
Sunday, October 14, 2012 to
Tuesday, October 16, 2012
@Radisson Paper Valley Hotel
333 W. College Avenue
Appleton, Wis. 54911

The 65th Wisconsin Towns Association Annual Convention will be held from Sunday afternoon, October 14, 2012, to Tuesday October 16, 2012, at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Convention Center, at 333 W. College Avenue, Appleton, Wis. 54911. As in the past, there will be over 20 different workshop topics for town and village officers during the convention. The following pages contain a tentative agenda that features the variety of activities for all attending this year's convention. We would urge every town and village member to send two or more officers, plan commission, and other interested town persons. {Please note the final agenda is subject to change.}

Sunday Afternoon Early Registration

Early registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, October 14th. Parking is available in parking ramps on two streets across from the Hotel and Convention Center. A street map of the Appleton area will be published in the October magazine for your use.

Sunday afternoon this year will include a General Assembly starting at 2:30 p.m. and concluding about 4:15 p.m. The featured speaker for this General Assembly with be Allen Batt, Clerk of Hartland Township, Minnesota. He has served over 20 years as township clerk. Everyone will enjoy his wit and down home humor! Other Gene Assembly speakers will be named later.

Come early and visit the Exhibit Area (we expect nearly 75 exhibitors for th year's convention). The Exhibits will be op from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sund afternoon. Following the General Assembly, reception will be held in the Exhibitor's Ar from about 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Th reception is sponsored by the Associati endorsed Insurance Company, Rural Mutu Insurance Company and will featu complimentary beer, soda, and snacks.

Please note that the Exhibitors wi only be at the Convention on Sund afternoon and Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:0 p.m. There will be no Exhibitors on Tuesday The Exhibitors are vendors and companie providing valuable services and products t towns and villages throughout the state.

Please note that the Green Ba Packers play on Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. i Texas. Sunday evening is on your own t watch the game or visit one of the many fin restaurants on College Avenue or in th Appleton area.

Monday Morning General Assembly

Starting at 8:45 a.m. the Monda morning General Assembly will featur Eighth District Congressman Reid Ribbl along with other invited speakers. We expec to have the Democratic and Republica candidates for U.S. Senate address th General Assembly either on Monday o Tuesday. The featured speaker at the Monda General Assembly will be Jim Mathis, a professional speaker. His presentation will b titled: **Reinvention Made Easy –Chang Your Strategy, Change the Outcomes.**

"Every town leader can reinvent themselves. A personally challenging and value changing presentation that will change your overall outlook. *The economy is new; it's different.* No matter what, the next year is probably the end of the way most of us do business in our towns. The truth is that the business we're in is determined by the need or want that is satisfied when the public utilizes our services. Answer questions and hear stories about towns, government organizations and companies who reinvented themselves that you can use as a template to change the way you function…forever!"

Following the General Assembly, a round of one hour workshops will be held before Monday lunch. One of the workshops before lunch will be presented by the featured speaker Jim Mathis, entitled: **Change your Outcomes.**

"Jim makes reinvention easy for town leaders in this session through an interactive dialogue and on the spot coaching with attendees. Leaders at all levels combine their intuitive creativity to leave with step by step actions to take immediately following the meeting. They will answer critical questions on the first steps needed to take in the reinvention process. **Critical questions** dealing with what policies, practices or programs have become "dinosaurs" in our business; what is changing in our area recently; and what is "kindling" us in town communication and leadership are dealt with interactively with attendees in group discussions and a roundtable format."

Note while most workshops are repeated once, this workshop will only be presented for the one hour before lunch on Monday. See a complete listing of all workshops later in this magazine.

Monday Evening Banquet

The annual awards banquet will be held on Monday night of the convention. The banquet will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Scholarship Awards and Long Standing Officer Recognition. This banquet is an optional event, at a cost of $35 per person. It includes the banquet meal, awards presentations and the evening of music presented by The Drovers. This group features five musicians with instrumentation ranging from steel guitar and saxophone to concertina & trumpet. With a focus on providing musical variety for any occasion, the band does not work a set-list and song selections are often audience driven. With a play list that consists of over 300 songs, you may hear tunes from Buck Owens, Waylon & Willie, Buddy Holly, Frank Sinatra or Guns N' Roses. (Dancing following the awards program to midnight).

Special recognition will be given to town and village officers who have served in one or more elected offices for 30 years or more. We will be giving certificates to any officers who have served more than 30 years who have not received a certificate in the past four years. We also will be giving certificates to officers who have reached a five year plateau starting at 30 years; 35 years; 40 years, etc… Please mark your registration form accordingly and acknowledge whether you have been recognized in the past five years.

The banquet meal will be a buffet of assorted salads; green beans almandine; garlic smashed potatoes; wild rice blend; grilled breast of chicken with mushroom sauce supreme; tenderloin tips with noodles; carved pork steamship; and apple or cherry pie. Please mark your registration sheet if you plan to attend the Monday evening banquet.

Again the Monday evening banquet and awards program is an optional event at a cost of $35 per ticket and is not included in the convention registration fee.

Tuesday Convention Format Changed!

Tuesday morning will be a continuation of workshops, including a three hour session by the Government Accountability Board for clerks on **"Readiness for November: Elections Division Activities and Updates."** This workshop will qualify for the clerks' required training. A complete listing of Tuesday morning workshops is listed later in this magazine.

Tuesday General Assembly

Starting at 2:30 p.m. and concluding by 4:30 p.m. the Tuesday General Assembly will be held. We will invite key featured speakers, but will not release names until confirmed. The convention will conclude at 4:30 p.m. In the past, the convention banquet was held on Tuesday evening and the convention concluded late morning on Wednesday. This format ending on Tuesday afternoon will save attendees one additional night of lodging. We will have some grand door prizes to award for those persons in attendance at the Tuesday afternoon General Assembly.

Spouses Events

As in past conventions, registered spouses are welcome to attend any and all of the Convention functions, unless the events are optional (such as the Monday evening banquet). Registration for the spouses is $25 but does not include the lunch on Monday or Tuesday. Lunch tickets for spouses may be purchased for $12 per ticket.

On Monday afternoon we have arranged bus transportation from the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel to the Fox River Mall and back. There is no charge for this bus for registered spouses, however, please mark your registration to assist in knowing the head count necessary for the number of busses needed.

On Tuesday afternoon we have booked a jewelry making class, for each participant to make earrings and a bracelet. The cost of this optional spouse workshop is $10 per person, please mark your registration form if you wish to attend. This workshop will be limited to the first 50 spouses who register for this workshop.

Monday and Tuesday Lunches for Registered Officers

Monday and Tuesday's lunches are included in the conference registration fee for officers who are registered. Tickets are available at a cost of $12 per person for spouses or guests.

Monday's lunch will be a soup and sandwich buffet. Tuesday's lunch will be a pasta buffet with tossed salad and breadsticks. If you have special dietary needs please advise our office, so special arrangements can be made.

Workshop Topics (some additional to be named in the future month's magazine)

Workshops are scheduled for both Monday and Tuesday for one hour time slots. While most workshops are repeated some workshops may be presented only once and others are for two or three hour slots. Please note on the listing below these changes.

Monday Morning from 11:00 a.m. to Noon (Repeated at 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.)

1. Jim Mathis, speaker, Change your Outcomes (note this will only be at 11:00 a.m.)
2. Employee Policies and Benefits under Act 10 of State Law, presented by Attorney Drew Cochrane of Stafford Rosenbaum, LLP
3. Alcohol Licensing Issues presented by WTA Attorney Lee Turonie and DOR Representative Roger Johnson
4. Note at 1:15 p.m. the **Annual Meeting of the Urban Towns Committee** including election of three Executive Board members

Monday Afternoon 2:25 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.
(Repeated 3:35 p.m. to 4:35 p.m.)

1. Broadband: A passing fad, or critical town infrastructure? presented by a panel
2. Libraries—What town officers need to know about funding and governance of libraries in Wisconsin presented by DPI staff member
3. "A year in the life of a clerk" presented by WTA Senior Attorney Carol Nawrocki and a panel of clerks
4. Tax Settlement Issues for Treasurers presented by WTA Executive Director and others
5. Public Relations for Towns and Villages in a Time of Crisis presented by a Public Relations firm to be confirmed

Monday Afternoon 4:35 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Exhibitors Reception in Exhibitor area (Note that the Exhibitors will close down at the end of the day on Monday, and will not be present on Tuesday.)

Monday Evening Awards Banquet

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Awards program to follow the banquet; and Music for listening or dancing pleasure until midnight. More details earlier in this magazine.

Tuesday Morning 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Three hours workshop for clerks presented by Government Accountability Board (GAB) on **"Readiness for November; Elections Division Activities and Updates"** (this will qualify for clerks training requirement)

Tuesday Morning 8:45 am. to 9:45 a.m.
(Repeated 9:55 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.)

1. ATV/UTV/Snowmobile issues for towns and town highways presented by DNR Safety Warden
2. Legislative Process—How does it work? and How can town and village officers best participate? presented by WTA Lobbyists Jolene Plautz and Ann Jablonski
3. Frac Sand Mining Panel—participants to be named later
4. Legal Cracker--- WTA Legal Staff

Tuesday morning at 11:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
(Repeated in afternoon from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.)

1. DOT—Local Road Program including Town Road Improvement Discretionary (TRID) presented by DOT staff
2. Farm Panel presented by members of PDPW on issues affecting tows
3. Parliamentary Procedure presented by WTA Senior Legal Counsel Carol Nawrocki
4. DNR General Permit authority for culverts and bridges presented by DNR staff
5. Local Ethics issues for town and village officers presented by WTA Attorney Lee Turonie

Tuesday afternoon General Assembly
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Key speakers to be invited and announced later in future magazines

Grand door prizes to be awarded by drawing for those in attendance at this session.

Assessors workshops will be held on Monday and Tuesday from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. each day. Topics to be announced in next month's magazine.

The convention registration form follows in this magazine and can be found at our WTA website. Please use separate registration form for each person and send in as directed on the form to our association.