

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY BULLETIN

Following are possible changes that could affect Town of Ridgeway Residents:

1. Dodgeville School District Referendum November 4th - Referendum to purchase land and build new high school with an estimated cost of \$44 million and remodel current high school with an estimated cost of \$4 million for a total referendum cost of **\$48 million**. The current high school would be used as a second elementary school. The total payback is **\$74 million** including interest. Increase taxes by \$3.75 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. A home with an assessed valuation of \$150,000 will have an estimated increase in taxes of \$563 per year for 20 years.

The referendum also asks for the **closure** of Ridgeway Elementary School, a National Blue Ribbon school in 2013.

There will be a Dodgeville School District Listening Session on Thursday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Ridgeway Elementary School.

2. Iowa County Referendum question November 4th – Should Iowa County continue to financially support Bloomfield in its commitment to provide high quality rehabilitation and nursing care to the citizens of Iowa County? This question is advisory and non-binding.

3. Possible Iowa County Wheel Tax (\$20 per vehicle) to be used to maintain county roads. The Iowa County Board will vote on the ordinance this month.

4. Future informational meetings on proposed American Transmission Company transmission line from Dubuque County, IA to Middleton, WI passing through Iowa County. For more information visit website: <http://www.soulwisconsin.org>

5. Iowa County Implements of Husbandry – The Wisconsin Act 337, senate bill 509 & the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation (WFBF) legislation implemented the bill in order for farmers to make it from the farm to their fields safely & legally while operating their heavy farm machinery on roads. The bill was bi-partisan & was signed into legislation by Governor Scott Walker on April 23, 2014. The Town must pass an ordinance or resolution by January 15, 2015 choosing one of the six options. For further information visit website: www.AgVehicles.DOT.WI.GOV or call the Town Hall at 924-2247 if interested in attending a learning session to be held on Thursday, October 16, at the Barneveld-Brigham Municipal Building.

6. Continue discussion at Town level on Iowa County Special Events Ordinance.

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