

TOWN MEETING: WISCONSIN ASSEMBLY

Presented By


THE COMMITTEE FOR
TOWN MEETING: WISCONSIN 100



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The State of Wisconsin

FORWARD



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, in the early days of our nation's history, public-spirited citizens gathered at Town Hall Meetings to discuss the challenges facing their communities and to propose measures to deal with these challenges; and

WHEREAS, in the tradition of our country's Founding Fathers, it is vital to the spirit of grassroots democracy that citizens have a forum which provides them the opportunity to play an active role in the deliberation and implementation of measures that affect their communities and their state; and

WHEREAS, participants in Town Hall Meetings experience a sense of belonging, a sense of responsibility for personal contributions to the welfare and future of their own communities, the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, to encourage community dialogue, the Institute of Cultural Affairs of Milwaukee has planned a far-reaching program--TOWN MEETING: WISCONSIN 100--to bring together rural and town communities, and communities within the city, in recognition of the need for mutual respect and the development of pride, and a new quality of life through direct citizen involvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7-14, 1977 as

TOWN MEETING WEEK

and I urge all the citizens of Wisconsin to join in the special programs planned, to participate in community Town Meetings, an expression of responsible citizenship and to build a common vision for a proud, healthy and happy future.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison, this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

Patrick J. Lucey

PATRICK J. LUCEY
Governor

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Douglas La Folle
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Secretary of State

TOWN MEETING: WISCONSIN

1975 - TOWN MEETINGS HELD

Lincoln County Green Bay Brillion Cudahy

1976 - TOWN MEETINGS HELD

Brodhead Madison: East Monroe Port Washington
Brookfield Marathon County Neenah Racine County
Brillion II Milwaukee: North Portage Waukesha
Eau Claire I Milwaukee: South Portage County

1977 - TOWN MEETINGS HELD

Appleton Cumberland Lakewood Reedsville
Ashwaubenon Eau Claire II Madison: South Sauk Prairie
Beloit Ft. Howard Menomonie Sheboygan
Brown County Kaukauna Milwaukee: Westside Washburn
West Bend

1977 - TOWN MEETINGS SET

Cuba City Evansville Poynette Shullsburg
Bloomer Mellen Potosi Town Superior
Eagle River Plymouth Reedsburg East Troy

1977 - 1978 TOWN MEETINGS CONSIDERING

<u>Eau Claire Sector</u>	<u>Wausau Sector</u>	<u>Green Bay Sector</u>	<u>Madison Sector</u>
Holmen	Ashland	Mountain	Brown Deer
Black River Falls	Abbottsford	Oshkosh	Mukwanago
Trempealeau County	Antigo	Gillett	Muscoda
Unity School District	Minocqua	Neopit	Sherman Park
Chippewa Falls	Montello	Matoon	Whitefish Bay
Rock Falls	Mauston	Oconto Falls	Lancaster
Superior H.S.	Mercer	Luxemburg	LaFarge
Siren	Phillips	Mishicot	Twin Lakes
Ladysmith	Neillsville	Francis Creek	Hillsboro
Webster	Westfield	Valders	Edgerton
Turtle Lake	Berlin	St. Nazianz	Wisconsin Dells
Fall Creek Tomah	Plover	Menasha	Saukville
Iron River Solon Spr.	Wautoma	Manawa	Mineral Point
Elmwood Winter	Greenwood Schofield	Suring	Reedstown
LaCrosse Barron	Colby Elcho	Bowler	Oak Creek Randolph
Augusta Knapp	Spencer Tomahawk	Stockbridge	Wyocena Cambria
Frederick Trego	Marathon Hurley	Wabeno	West Allis Mayville
River Falls Durand	Edgar Mosinee	Laona Casco	Fox Lake
Pepin Ellsworth	Easton Park Falls	Crandon Howard	Grafton
Mondovi Glenwood City	Wausau Rhinelander	Goodman Forestville	Soldier's Grove
Rice Lake Grantsburg	Hewitt	Niagara	
Osseo	Rothschild	Peshtigo	

The above communities are listed based upon interest expressed by individuals in those communities who want to have Town Meeting.

WISCONSIN TOWN MEETINGS

<u>COMMUNITIES OVER 20,000</u>	<u>URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS</u>	<u>COMMUNITIES UNDER 20,000</u>	<u>COMMUNITIES UNDER 5,000</u>
Green Bay	Madison: East	Lincoln County	Brillion I
Cudahy	Madison: South	Monroe	Brillion II
Neenah	Milwaukee: Northside	Portage	Brodhead
Brookfield	Milwaukee: Southside	Port Washington	Reedsville
Racine County	Milwaukee: Westside	Kaukauna	Lakewood
Eau Claire I	Ft. Howard	West Bend	Washburn
Eau Claire II		Menomonie	Cumberland
Portage County			Sauk Prairie
Marathon County			Ashwaubenon
Waukesha			
Appleton			
Sheboygan			
Beloit			
Brown County			

REPORT

COMMUNITIES OVER 20,000

Green Bay

Cudahy

Neenah

Brookfield

Racine County

Eau Claire I

Eau Claire II

Portage County

Marathon County

Waukesha

Appleton

Sheboygan

Beloit

Brown County

WISCONSIN TOWN MEETING ASSEMBLY	COMMUNITIES OVER 20,000	JUNE 18, 1977
	PRACTICAL APPROACHES	
Direction of Local Needs	ECONOMIC	
PLANNING COMPREHENSIVE FUTURE	<p>In Wisconsin, communities over 20,000, in order to develop all-inclusive community plan that moves forward to changing times, propose (1) all ages and roles together in public forum, (2) citizen task-forces to advise economic leadership, (3) financial incentives for housing development and (4) maintain character of a residential community The first step is a neighborhood cultural event to find out who lives in your neighborhood.</p>	
	POLITICAL	
LOCALIZING PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY	<p>In Wisconsin, communities over 20,000, in order to practically involve citizens in community decision making propose (1) neighborhood forums with government officials (2) ward meetings (3) citizen advisory committees and (4) government agencies sharing information regularly through media. The first step in pilot ward meetings.</p>	
	POLITICAL - CULTURAL	
Creating Information Exchange	<p>In Wisconsin, communities over 20,000, in order to create a more informed citizenry for wiser decisions propose (1) family group learning sessions (2) neighborhood discussion and decision making, (3) effective use of media, and (4) neutral public information system. The first step is neighborhood cultural event to find out who lives in your neighborhood.</p>	
	CULTURAL	
BUILDING COMMON PRIORITIES	<p>In Wisconsin, communities over 20,000, in order to work as one community propose annual cultural festival (2) community environmental education, (3) creating community care structures, and (4) establish inter-age group for long-range cultural planning. The first step is periodic community festival.</p>	

REPORT

URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS

Fort Howard

Madison: East

Madison: South

Milwaukee: Southside

Milwaukee: Northside

Milwaukee: Westside

Direction of Local Needs	PRACTICAL APPROACHES
	ECONOMIC
STRENGTH FOR JOBS	In Wisconsin, urban neighborhoods, in order to provide economic base to keep neighborhoods alive, attract and retain businesses and increase employment propose (1) pressure city to act to secure enterprises and encourage retention (2) incentives: financial, land (industrial parks), (3) increase vocational counseling and training (schools, community, industry), and (4) inventories of job and skill sources. The first step is an exciting and well-planned business and job fair to discuss opportunities for commercial health, and for getting people back to work.
	POLITICAL
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	In Wisconsin, urban neighborhoods, in order to provide public and individual transportation and visitation for individuals confined in their homes propose (1) neighborhood action groups such as block clubs, (2) a public relations committee for contacts with public officials, (3) involving youth in concern for elder and shutins, and (4) involving parents in volunteer leadership. The first step is fixup and cleanup program that makes use of city and county equipment and prizes donated by local business for a contest.
	CULTURAL
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT	In Wisconsin, Urban neighborhoods, in order to encourage cooperative citizen initiative within the community, propose (1) involve citizens in organizing a town meeting assembly, (2) formulate a special neighborhood welcome committee, (3) make personal contact with citizens of the community through phone calls and visits, and (4) contact the news media to initiate press service announcements and press releases. The first step is a neighborhood block gathering to promote (1) town meeting (2) citizen contact (3) public and community information, and (4) business, social and religious institutional involvement.

Direction of
Local Needs

PRACTICAL APPROACHES

CULTURAL CONTINUED

CHALLENGING
ELECTED
OFFICIALS
AND
COMMUNITY

In Wisconsin, urban neighborhoods, in order to cut over against disintegration of citizens action groups and the collapse of honest communication with public servants, propose (1) to encourage neighborhood organizations where citizens can get together and express their desires for their community and challenge their elected officials, (2) challenge people with specific talents to head a community organization, (3) have elected officials set specific hours at a specific place for open office hours to speak with constituency individually, and (4) actively advertise results. The first step is to organize a meeting and establish a block club.

BUILDING
COMMUNITY

In Wisconsin, urban neighborhoods, in order to build better community identity that would strengthen neighborhoods and encourage an atmosphere for home improvements--block clubs and more balanced use of resources and application of taxes, propose (1) block club formations (2) contests that engage folks and create spirit, (3) local entertainment exposing gifts and existing groups, and (4) creating and rehearsing rituals, symbols, and songs. The first step is to create a historical play about the neighborhood. This will involve a lot of people in the creation and invitation to the event and give people a story of who what, and where they came from, adding meaning and a stronger identity to their communities, giving permission to move into the future with strength and encouragement from the past.

REPORT

COMMUNITIES UNDER 20,000

Ashwaubenon

Lincoln County

Monroe

Portage

Port Washington

Kaukauna

West Bend

Menomonie

Brillion I

Brillion II

Brodhead

Reedsville

Lakewood

Washburn

Cumberland

Sauk Prairie

Direction of
Local Needs

PRACTICAL APPROACHES

ECONOMIC

COMMON
ECONOMIC
BASE

In Wisconsin, communities under 20,000, in order to improve the economic base of community, propose (1) to establish coordinating body to (2) seek new industries and businesses, (3) promote local shopping, and (4) broad citizen interest in careful use of tax dollars. The first step is (1) forums on controversial issues (2) contests by businessmen and awards days, and (3) cleanup projects.

POLITICAL

TOTAL
COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT

In Wisconsin, communities under 20,000, in order to provide for the economic political and cultural growth of our community, propose (1) to involve everyone in community planning, (2) promotion of more business opportunities (3) formulation of common goals, and (4) coordination of government and school systems. The first step is a community fair--picnic.

CULTURAL

CARING
FAMILY
UNIT

In Wisconsin, communities under 20,000, in order to improve the individual's environment by strengthening the family care unit propose (1) family and school planning and intercoordination (2) family and church planning and intercoordination (3) planned total family leisure time and (4) meeting needs through total community planning and involvement. The first step is family oriented Town Meeting.

PEOPLE
FOR
PEOPLE

In Wisconsin, communities under 20,000 in order to promote better understanding and respect for mankind, propose (1) political involvement including all age groups regardless of sex, (2) encourage political unity within parties (3) development of cultural exchange through use of present services. The first step is city-wide forums held at each neighborhood site (node) involving all organizations and held on same weekend.

ROSTER OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITIES OVER 20,000

Wausau	Periodic community festivals
Appleton	River front beautification
Eau Claire	People to form committee to suggest new events for next year's calendar
Green Bay	A Brown county town meeting followup presentation to propose a neutral public information center.
Milwaukee	Tours of restored homes and businesses.

URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS

Milwaukee Northside	Fix up-cleanup program
Milwaukee Southside	Fixup-cleanup program
Fort Howard	Establish block club through a block party
Milwaukee Westside	Neighborhood block gathering

COMMUNITIES UNDER 20,000

Bloomer	Bloomer Future Day
Birnamwood	Birnamwood Picnic Fair
Port Washington	Land Use and tax forums
Merrill	August 21, 1977 Town Meeting - family oriented
Portage County	All-county fair with emphasis on sects
Cumberland	Town Meeting during July 4, 1977 Farm City night and a rutabaga festival
Menomonie	Plan swimming pool kickoff

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