

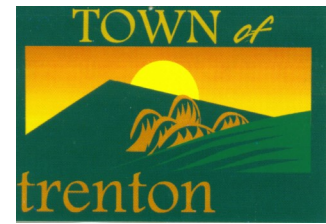
# The Town Crier

## The Trenton Township Newsletter

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### 2020 CENSUS

From the Desk of Joe Gonnering

#### Background

The U.S. Constitution requires a headcount every ten years, of everyone residing in the United States. The next Census (2020) is approaching!

Hospitals. Fire departments. Schools. Even roads and highways. The census can



shape many different aspects of your community. Each year, the results help determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities. It's also mandated by the Constitution: The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.

#### Census Questions

Questions on the 2020 Census will include:

- ✓ Number of people living/staying at your home on April 1, 2020, assuring an accurate count of the country's population
- ✓ Whether home is owned or rented, which produces homeowner-ship statistics
- ✓ Sex of each person in household, used in planning and funding government programs, and for use in enforcing laws against discrimination
- ✓ Age of each person in household, to better understand the size and characteristics of different age groups
- ✓ Race of each person in household, which helps to monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions
- ✓ Hispanic, Latino, and Spanish eth-

nicity, needed by federal agencies to monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions

- ✓ Relationship of each person in household, helping to create estimates about families, households and other groups, used in planning and funding government programs that support families

#### Responding to Census

The 2020 Census is being conducted in a rapidly changing environment. This requires a flexible design that takes advantages of new technologies and data sources, while minimizing risk to ensure a high quality population count.

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire. Following is a timeline for the 2020 Census:

- ✓ March 12-20 you'll receive an invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census and/or a paper questionnaire
- ✓ March 16-24 you'll receive a reminder letter

#### IF YOU HAVEN'T RESPONDED:

- ✓ March 26-April 3 you'll receive a reminder postcard
- ✓ April 8-16 you'll receive a reminder letter and paper questionnaire
- ✓ April 20-27 you'll receive a final reminder postcard before a personal follow-up

#### Neighborhood Census Activity

Starting this year, you may begin

to notice census takers in your neighborhood. These individuals will be verifying addresses, collecting responses, dropping off census materials, and conducting quality checks.

#### Avoiding Fraud and Scams

To help protect yourself from phishing and other scams, please remember that the U.S. Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security Number, bank account or credit card numbers, or money/donations. In addition, the Census Bureau will not contact you on behalf of a political party.

If someone visits your home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, check to make sure they have a valid ID badge. Questions may be addressed with a local Census Bureau representative at 800.923.8282.

**Count everyone  
ONCE,  
ONLY ONCE and  
IN THE RIGHT PLACE**

#### Employment Opportunities

The Census Bureau has various employment opportunities. Visit [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs) for more information.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Joseph Gabrish

Hello everyone and how quickly we are back to the Fall season. With Fall comes the usual requests for compliance with burning leaves and brush only; no plastic or rubber, such as carpeting, carpet remnants, pads or backing. And looking ahead to winter, please no parking on any roadway during a snow event. The Towns' snowplows are large vehicles and our roads become ever so narrow with each large snow fall. The DPW guys really appreciate the ability to traverse the roads easily so they can get to your area quicker and safer!

Police Officer Christopher Cheek has resigned from the department after having served as a Police Officer for the past few years. PO Cheek won awards for life saving while he was here. As with many new part time police officers he is now a full time police officer in Grafton. He recently married and wants to have more time to spend with family and friends. Officer Cheek helped me out with fleet management while he was here as he was a former auto mechanic. He will be missed. As of the time of this writing we are in a hiring process; watch our FB page to be introduced to our next officer.

One man's junk may be another man's treasure, but

town ordinances do not allow for the accumulation of such things as old cars, tires, appliances and so on. I like to work with people and always give people an opportunity to work on a "fix" before we write citations. A citation doesn't fix the problem it tends to motivate though...but all in all we have a beautiful township and the officers have worked hard over the years to answer the call when it comes to these complaints.

Please make sure your address sign is visible so that Police Fire and EMS can locate you in the event of an emergency. I personally have had to move mine twice in the past couple years due to the bushes growing in front

of it. New signs are available at the Town hall for a cost.

On average, each year the Police department patrols about 20,000 miles around the town and answers nearly 2,000 calls for service, park checks and follow up assignments. This is in addition to all of the traffic stops and court related matters that we do on a daily basis.

All of the officers enjoy working for and meeting the people of the town and try their hardest to assist you with your needs. Remember you can leave us a message at 262.689.0661 and the next officer on duty will follow up on your concern. In all emergencies DIAL 911.

Joseph T Gabrish  
Chief of Police

## BUILDING & ZONING

### Zoning Ordinances

Current Town zoning ordinances detail the permitted uses for each zoning district, including the keeping and raising of domestic stock. For example, chickens are allowed on properties with at least three acres, and R-2 Zoning at a minimum. Please call the Zoning Administrator or talk to one of the Town Board members if you have questions or suggestions on this ordinance requirement.



Freight containers, "pods", rail car containers, and similar types of equipment are not allowed in any zoning district except M-1 Industrial and EA Exclusive Agricultural.

### Permit Requirements

If you are considering a building project, please contact Building or Zoning at 262.675.0415 to see if a permit is required before you get started. Building without a permit can result in additional fees.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hope everyone is having a good summer and enjoying the beautiful weather. The Newburg Fire Department would like to thank all the businesses and residents who provided manpower, equipment or monetary donations for the cleanup in the firemen's Park in April after the major flooding from ice dams. The turnout was truly unbelievable in 2 weekends the park was probably three quarters of the way cleaned



up, that was truly amazing. Thanks again to all who helped in any way.

The Newburg Fire Department is still looking for EMT if you think you may be interested, please stop down at the fire station any Monday night anytime between 6:15 - 9 PM to look around or fill out an application.

Thanks and stay safe.  
Sincerely,  
Mark Chesak Chief,  
Newburg Fire Department.

## ELECTIONS

The year 2020 will be a busy election year, with elections in February, April, August and November. If you have not registered in the Town of Trenton, you are encouraged to do so BEFORE election day. Election Day registration is allowed, but it is time-consuming.



Registration can be completed easily online at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov), where you can also view your election participation history, and apply for absentee ballots.

If you are interested in working as an Election Inspector on election day, please contact Town Clerk Cindy Komro at 262.675.6009.

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Trash/Recycling Carts

If your trash or recycling cart is in need of repair or replacement, please call Town Clerk Cindy Komro at 262.675.6009. Leave the cart near the road to ensure a timely response to your request.

### Winter

As we approach autumn, we also look ahead to win-

ter. Town ordinances prohibit shoveling, plowing, dumping, pushing or otherwise discharging snow, ice, slush or a combination thereof onto any Town road. Failure to comply with this ordinance will result in a citation.

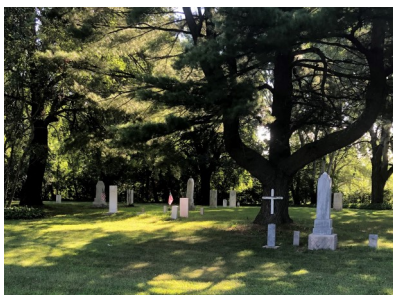


In addition, residents are required to keep mailboxes accessible by clearing the snow around them.

## TOWN CEMETERY

In early spring 2019 Town resident Clifford Mitchell reported that a number of tombstones in the Trenton Cemetery were in poor condition and in need of repair. The Trenton Cemetery is located at the southeast corner of Trenton Road and Wallace Lake Road. Twenty-two gravesites were identified in a term paper written about the cemetery by student Robert Geib in 1937. The earliest gravesite appears to be dated January 29, 1812. The most recent gravesite in the cemetery dates to 1921. Civil War Veteran William Stevens, Company H, 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry, was interred in the cemetery on May 4, 1865.

The Town contacted Rex Melius of the Cemeterians, a volunteer non-profit group that has dedicated itself to the restoration of gravesites needing repair and maintenance throughout Washington County. The Cemeterians have done an amazing job of repairing and restoring the tombstones and grave markers in the Trenton



Cemetery. The Cemeterians have a particular interest in the restoration of the gravesites of veterans and will be placing “Remembrance Lights” at known veteran graves in several cemeteries beginning in early September. Veteran William Stevens will have a light in the Trenton Cemetery.

Donations to the Cemeterians organization are welcome. Please contact the Town Hall if you are interested in helping out.

## HOME COMPOSTING

Reap a Heap of Benefits by learning how to participate in home composting! The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has information and suggestions for composting options.

### Why Compost?

Since January 1993, state law bans yard waste—leaves, grass clippings, garden debris, and twigs, brush, and branches smaller than six inches in diameter—from landfills and most incinerators. This law does not apply to stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls, or incinerators which burn waste to recover energy. From 2012–2015 alone, Wisconsin diverted more than 5.6 million tons of these materials from landfill disposal. The best method for getting rid of yard waste is also the easiest. Composting is nature’s



way of turning your yard “waste” into a valuable soil conditioner. Home composting:

- ✓ **Saves money** by reducing the need for expensive bags and commercial soil amendments
- ✓ **Helps gardens and lawns** by improving soil fertility and health
- ✓ **Saves water** by helping soil hold moisture and reducing water runoff
- ✓ **Benefits the environment** by recycling valuable organic resources and extending the lives of our landfills

### Composting: Simple!

Composting is a lot easier than you may think. Organic material breaks down around us in nature all the time. Composting is just a method of speeding up the process! Most compost bin designs are so simple

they can be built in a few hours. Once you gather your yard waste and form it into a pile, the only time you’ll spend is for occasional maintenance. Then sit back and let nature do the rest!

### Equipment Needed

- ✓ Basic gardening tools, like a pitchfork, rake, and shovel
- ✓ Compost bin, which can be built with inexpensive materials like fencing, woven wire, or used cinder blocks and lumber
- ✓ One inch of soil from your yard, which has all the ingredients needed to start the process

### Using Finished Compost

Compost is ready to harvest when it is reduced to a crumbly, sweet smelling material called humus. Mixing it into soil or using it as a mulch are the most common ways to use compost. Visit the Recycling page of [www.townoftrenton.info](http://www.townoftrenton.info) for more information.

## TREASURER

The Town said good-bye to Jenny Princl, who left the Town Treasurer position in March for a full-time employment opportunity. We warmly welcome **Nicole Cozzuli-Meer** into this position.

A few reminders for the upcoming property tax season (be sure to read all instructions included with your tax bill):

- ✓ Property tax receipts will no longer be mailed unless you supply a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- ✓ Mailing your payment is preferred

- ✓ Payments may be placed in the drop box at the Town Hall
- ✓ The State Bank of Newburg accepts property tax payments (no dog license fees accepted)
- ✓ Online payment is available for a fee
- ✓ In-Person collection times will be available
- ✓ First or full payments should be mailed to the Town of Trenton
- ✓ Payments made after January 31 must be paid and sent to the **County Treasurer**
- ✓ Do NOT staple your check to your tax bill payment stub
- ✓ Dog License fees may be paid in the same check as your property taxes, unless paying at the State Bank of Newburg
- ✓ Escrow checks made payable to the homeowner and the Town must be endorsed by the homeowner
- ✓ The Town of Trenton now requires a copy of your dog’s rabies certificate to accompany your dog license application



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Monday 8:00AM—2:00PM Wednesday 9:00AM—12:00PM

Tuesday 9:00AM—12:00PM Thursday 9:00AM—12:00PM

**BUILDING INSPECTOR** Thursday 3:00PM—5:00PM

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** Friday 9:00AM—3:00PM

Town Hall Yard Hours—Second Saturday, 8:00AM—Noon  
Accepting **only** brush, waste oil, batteries, metal goods  
*Other large items, including building materials can be taken to the  
Advanced Disposal West Bend Transfer Station, 803 N. River  
Road. The disposal charge is based on the weight of the items; the  
minimum fee changes monthly so call 262.334.5618 for current  
pricing.*

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