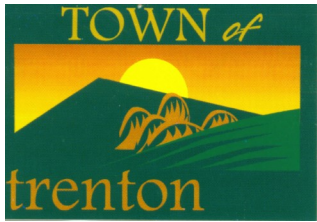


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TOWN ROADS

From the Desk of Joe Gonnering

Personnel Changes

The Town Board is sad to announce that our Treasurer, Monica Diaz, has left her position here at the Town to pursue an opportunity in West Bend.



Monica will be greatly missed by everyone who worked with her, or who visited each year to pay their property taxes in person. Worry not, she has left explicit instructions for the new Treasurer to provide candy! Her work ethic and positive attitude in her position were exceptional. The Town Board and staff wish her the best!

The Town Board is in the process of finding a new Treasurer. Stay tuned to the next Town Crier, where the new Treasurer will likely be introduced!

The Town Board is happy to welcome DPW Employee Jim Averill into a full-time position. Jim is no stranger, as he has worked part-time for the Town for several years.



Town Roads

The roads in the Town of Trenton are in dire need of significant annual maintenance work. Maintaining roads is essential in order to preserve the road in its originally constructed condition, protect adjacent resources, and provide efficient, convenient travel along the route. In addition, the condition of the road surface is an important factor in preventing automobile accidents.

Unfortunately, the budgetary funds available for annual road repair and

maintenance in the Town continue to decline. Regular costs of doing business continue to increase each year by about three percent, and the levy increase allowed by the State each year is limited to the increase in new construction within the Town (about 0.5%). The only way to balance the budget for regular business is to reduce the amount of money spent on road repair and maintenance.



Fifteen to 20 years ago, maintaining one mile of road cost about \$500,000. Today, the cost for the same maintenance work is over \$1,000,000. The increase in road repair costs is due in part to the increase in fuel prices, which affects the cost of asphalt and other materials required for road work. These costs are prohibitive within the Town's available budget, which forces the Board to use alternative means to maintain the roads. This work is less costly in the short-term, but is unfortunately less effective over the long-term.

In the near future, the Town of Trenton will likely need to ask the residents to approve a referendum to increase the annual levy to supply badly needed funds for reasonable road work. A referendum is required to increase the levy more than the increase allowed by statute.

The Town is allowed to increase the levy when debt is incurred, as with the loans that were used for new snowplow equipment. In addition, the Town Board approved a short-term loan of \$100,000 in 2017 to pay for Trading Post Trail reconstruction. The effect of this loan on the 2017 levy was negligible, and in

fact, the mill rate decreased. Levy increases for debt are temporary, whereas increasing the levy by referendum is permanent.

As an example, increasing the Town levy by \$500,000 by referendum would cost each taxpayer less than \$24 per \$100,000 of assessed value. With a total assessed value of \$275,000, your 2017 property tax bill was \$3,580.59. An increase in the Town levy of \$500,000 would add \$67.29 to your bill.

Predicting the future is impossible. Inflation, state requirements, fuel costs, and new construction are all variables that affect road work costs. One thing that is guaranteed, however, is the continued need to maintain the Town roads, and the costs associated with these repairs will likely continue to increase.

The Town Board is requesting comments regarding a levy increase referendum. Please direct your comments to the Town Clerk. A short survey via SurveyMonkey has been created for this purpose as well, and is available via our website bulletin board at www.townoftrenton.info.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Joseph Gabrish

Milestones

Congratulations to the following officers for their years of service with the Police department!

20 years

◆ Captain Emmett Grissom

10 years

◆ PO Joseph Kelsey

5 years

◆ Sgt Steven Swiertz

Burning

Reminder that you may not burn anything other than leaves and brush and that these materials must be on a small scale. Anything toxic is not permissible such as rubber, asphalt or plastic-based material, to name a few. These types of burning materials will result in a citation being issued. These types of materials must be disposed of properly. There may be burning bans

from time to time during a Summer depending on weather. These will be announced by the Fire Departments and the DNR.

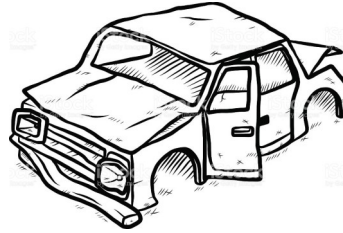
Vacation Watch

If you are going away for an extended period of time and you don't have anyone to check on your house we would be happy to do a vacation watch for you. These are done as time allows and for people who don't have someone available to check on their house for them on a regular basis. Simply send us an email at townoftrentonpd@aol.com. Let us know the time period and leave a contact number. Also leave us the name of anyone who might be at the property during your absence.

Vehicle Repairs / Abandoned Autos

If you have a vehicle on your property it must be

running and registered at a minimum. Cars that are in



disrepair and outside of a garage for example can only be in such a state for a period of no more than 30 days. If you are working on a vehicle inside of your garage there are no restrictions. In 2017 the police department was summoned by the plan commission to check on some 40 properties. Thank you to everyone who took care of the matters that were brought to your attention.

Address Signs

Reminder that you are required to have an address sign in front of your residence. These can be the

old block style or the new green plaque style, which can be ordered at Town Hall. The price includes the installation of the sign. These are critical in time of emergencies but also help you get your mail and packages delivered. Last year I had to move mine as over time a bush had hidden it. Take a look and make sure they are visible from the road.

Contact information

Emergency 911

Voice mail / on duty officer
262.689.0661

Washington County Dispatch

262.335.4411

FACEBOOK

Trenton-Township-
Police- Department

Have a safe summer!

Joseph T Gabrish
Chief of Police

TOWN HALL PARK

The Town Board is excited to share photos of the new Town Hall Park Equipment!



FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hope everyone had a good holiday season.

Warning lights, contrary to popular belief, the red or red, white warning lights in a fire department member's personal vehicle when activated, do make this an emergency vehicle as per the general vehicle provisions in chapter 346.06 of the Wisconsin state statute. (I encourage you to look up this code). **So please yield them the right-of-way.** We are trying to respond to the scene in an expedited manner, yet being as safe as possible. And as always if you see one of our members driving in an unsafe manner please call me; my

cell number is 262.388.1314 so we can discuss this matter.

We are still looking for EMTs. If you think you may be interested in becoming an EMT with the Newburg Fire Department please give me a call or come down any Monday night between 6:30 and 9:00 PM to complete an application.

Stay safe.

Sincerely,

Mark Chesak, Chief
Newburg Fire Department



WASTE DISPOSAL

Trenton E-Waste Event

The Town of Trenton's Electronic Waste Event is on Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 8:00 AM—noon. This year's event will again be held at the Advanced Disposal Transfer Station at 803 River Road.

Items accepted at this event include computers, printers, video display devices,

computer peripherals (keyboards, mice, hard drives, modems), fax machines, DVD players, VCRs, DVRs, cell phones. Be prepared to prove Town of Trenton residency.

County Clean Sweep

Washington County's Spring Clean Sweep Program is 8:00am—noon on Saturday, **May 5, 2018** at the **Washington County**

Highway Facility, 314 West Washington Street, Slinger.

Pre-registration and a \$30 fee per vehicle is required for hazardous waste, electronics, TVs and large household appliances. Visit washcoparks.com for more information.

Hazardous Waste

If you cannot use the County's Clean Sweep services,

Town of Trenton residents can drop off household hazardous waste at Veolia Environmental Services located at 1275 Mineral Springs Drive, Port Washington. This service is open to the public **ONLY on Mondays from 8:00 AM—5:00 PM**. A list of items accepted and pricing information is available at www.townoftrenton.info or by calling 800.387.0949.

ELECTION NEWS

Electronic Poll Book

On April 3, the Town of Trenton was one of five municipalities in the state that served as a pilot location for the new electronic poll book, or "Badger Book." The Badger Book system is an electronic version of the familiar paper poll books. The e-poll book allows voters to check in or register at the polling place on Election Day using a laptop or tablet instead of a paper poll book or paper voter registration form.

The benefits of the e-poll book include increased accuracy and increased speed at the polling location.

Voters will still need to state their name and address, show their photo ID, and sign the poll book. The signature will be electronic, such as when you sign for credit card purchases at a retail establishment.

The e-poll book will not be connected to the internet on Election Day, in order to remain secure.

My Vote Wisconsin

Be sure to visit www.myvote.wi.gov for all things Elections! This comprehensive website will help you register to vote, request an absentee ballot, view your upcoming elections, as well as what's on your ballot, and direct you to the correct polling location.

Voter Registration

If you recently moved to the Town of Trenton, register to vote before the next election! As mentioned, you can register online easily at www.myvote.wi.gov. If your Wisconsin driver's license or state ID card has your current address, your registration will be effective immediately (unless within 20 days of an election). You may also register by mail or in the clerk's office.

PUBLIC WORKS

Roadside Plantings

As you have probably noticed, the Town of Trenton Department of Public Works employees have been working hard clearing the trees and brush from the roadsides all over the Town. Dying ash trees from the infection of the Emerald Ash Borer accounts for much of this activity. In addition, driver safety has improved as the roads are cleared. Residents should not plant new trees or

shrubs in the road right-of-way, which extends 33 feet from the center line. If you have a question about the placement of new plants, please contact the DPW for advice.

Road Closures

Temporary road closures will occur with various DPW activities. Please be patient with these closures and take an alternate route if necessary. As always, proceed with caution when workers are present.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Town of Trenton Plan Commission and Town Board completed update of the Town's "Comprehensive Plan:2035" in October 2017. The comprehensive plan update was required by state law and



was adopted by the Town Board on November 21, 2017. The comprehensive plan process requires Town officials to consider many factors in planning for future land use and development in the Town. A PDF of the plan update report for the Town has been posted on the SEWRPC website at www.sewrpc.org.

WEBSITE UPDATE

The Town website has undergone a makeover! The new website design, created by Webs by Wagner, is easier to navigate. In addition, the new format is



more mobile phone and tablet friendly. Be sure to visit www.townoftrenton.info. As always, comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome!

UPCOMING ELECTIONS
FALL PRIMARY: AUGUST 14, 2018
FALL GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 6, 2018

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Mary Kilian

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West Bend, WI 53095

GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday 7:30AM—1:30PM Wednesday 7:30AM—11:30AM

Tuesday 11:00AM—2:00PM Thursday 11:30AM—2:30PM

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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