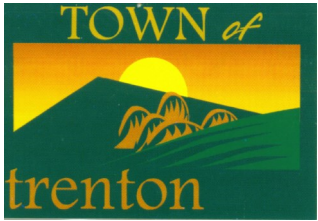


# The Town Crier

## The Trenton Township Newsletter

Website: [townoftrenton.wi.gov](http://townoftrenton.wi.gov)



### TOWN IMPROVEMENTS

From the desk of Mike Lipscomb

#### New Website!

We are pleased to announce the launch of a completely redesigned website! Same address, different look: [townoftrenton.wi.gov](http://townoftrenton.wi.gov).

The website has more information and improved search functionality to help residents find what they need. Quick links exist for pages that are visited frequently. Content is streamlined to easily find meeting agendas and minutes, building permits, zoning assistance, election notices, property tax information, and more. A moving banner displays important messages as needed, such as election notices or property taxes information.

Residents can sign up for notifications via text or email. Currently, a general notification group exists to receive all notices. Future expansion of this feature will allow users to choose the notifications they wish to receive, such as meeting reminders, refuse/recycling issues, road repair news, election notices and property tax information. Subscribing or cancelling this service is quick and easy. Visit [townoftrenton.wi.gov](http://townoftrenton.wi.gov) and click on "Subscribe to Notifications."



We will continue to add content and make improvements to the website on an ongoing basis. Regular "Communications from the Chairman" will be available with news

more often than this Town Crier publication which is only published twice annually.

Please be patient and visit often to see updates. Submit suggestions to Town Administrator Cindy Komro at [townadmin@townoftrenton.wi.gov](mailto:townadmin@townoftrenton.wi.gov) or 262.675.6009x106.

#### Road Work

The repaving of Wallace Lake Road was finished in 2023, and about \$16,000 is expected to be returned from a Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant. Reimbursement for \$88,000 of the Tuscola Lane culvert replacement was expected in 2024 but was received this year! With those funds, the town was able to schedule additional repaving work this year, including portions of Maple, Creek, and Sandy Acre Roads.

#### Newark Drive

The Newark Drive Rehabilitation Project was the most significant road reconstruction work completed in 2023. Newark Drive marks the northern border of the town. The ongoing repair and maintenance costs are shared with the Town of Farmington. Trenton's portion, between Trenton and Indian Lore Roads, was rebuilt this summer at a cost of over \$1,000,000. A road grant, expected in 2024, will reimburse the town for 66% of the total cost.

#### Road Reconstruction Costs

The condition of town roads has suffered over the years because of

lack of funds. The annual town tax levy is just under \$1,000,000 and annual increases are typically less than \$1,000 (less than a tenth of a percent). With other costs in the budget increasing an average of 3% annually, this limits the funds available for road work. State Shared Revenue and transportation grants help but are not enough to keep up with the maintenance needs of the 67 miles of town roads.

#### Paying for Road Work

The town's regular annual budget cannot sustain a \$1.3 million road project like Newark Drive. The transportation grant terms require full payment before reimbursement can be requested. For this reason, the town board early this year approved using debt service to pay for rebuilding Newark Drive. The annual debt service on the loan will be added to the town levy for up to the next five years. The effect of the loan on 2023 property tax bills will be about \$150 on a property assessed at \$300,000.



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# BUILDING & ZONING

## Building Permits

The Town of Trenton requires a building permit for many improvements on your property, including:

- ◆ New home
- ◆ Home addition
- ◆ Deck
- ◆ New roof
- ◆ Siding replacement
- ◆ Accessory structures (detached garage, shed)
- ◆ Fences
- ◆ Electrical work
- ◆ Plumbing work
- ◆ HVAC work



Note that this list is not all-inclusive. If you are unsure whether your project requires a permit, contact the Building Inspector at 262.675.0415.

Forms are available for download on the town website, or by visiting the town hall. Building Inspector Walt Grotelueschen is available at

the town hall on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to meet with residents for permitting needs.

## Zoning

Are you interested in building a shed on your property? Do you want to subdivide your property? Do you know how many animals are allowed on your property? These questions, and many more, are directed to the Town Administrator on a daily basis.

The town website has answers to some of these zoning questions. Continued improvements to the website will include access to additional information and forms. Residents can also contact Town Administrator Cindy Komro. Often, an in-person consultation is advised. Request an appointment via a link on the Zoning page of the town website or call 262.675.6009x106.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## New Equipment

The Public Works Department is the proud owner of a gently used 2021 John Deere 6145 Row Crop Tractor. This equipment replaced the 2003 New Holland TS110, and will be used for more robust weeding and tree trimming along town roads.



## Winter Reminders

Annual reminders for when the snow flies:

- ◆ Keep area around mailboxes clear of snow to allow sufficient space for Postal Service vehicles to approach.
- ◆ Never push snow onto the roads when clearing your driveway; this is a safety risk and subject to a citation.
- ◆ Reduce speed on town roads as snow and ice conditions warrant, especially at intersections.



# ELECTIONS

## Register to Vote

Plan ahead and make sure you are registered to vote prior to election day! Proof of residence is required when registering. If you are new to the town, have moved within the township, or have a name change, you will need to register to vote. This can be done in the Clerk's office, but it is easiest to register online at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).

You can also register at the polls on election day, but there could be long lines so please plan accordingly.

## Absentee Voting

If you are a registered voter, you can request an absentee ballot after Jan 1, 2024, for an individual election or the entire calendar year. The Post Office cannot forward election material, so please make sure you are putting the correct address

# 2024 Elections

**February 20:** Spring Primary Election (to be determined)

**April 2:** Spring Elections & Presidential Preference Vote

**August 13:** Partisan Primary

**November 5:** General Election

on your request if you will be out of town.

The WI Election Commission has approved a new Voter certificate envelope and a new mailing envelope. The directions are very similar to the envelopes in the past. Please make sure the certificate envelope is filled out correctly by yourself and your witness or your ballot will not be accepted.

## Election Workers

If you are interested in working at the polls on election day, contact Clerk

Heather Krueger. Duties include checking in and registering voters, initialing ballots, and end-of-night closing procedures.

## Visit [MyVote.wi.gov](http://MyVote.wi.gov) to:

- ✓ Register to vote
- ✓ Name or address change
- ✓ Request and track absentee ballots
- ✓ Find polling location
- ✓ Review voting history

**INTERESTED IN WORKING AT THE ELECTION POLLS? CONTACT THE CLERK AND ASK FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO BECOME A POLL WORKER. [Clerk@townoftrenton.wi.gov](mailto:Clerk@townoftrenton.wi.gov) or call 262-675-6009 ext. 101.**



# TREASURER

## Property Taxes

Property tax bills are typically mailed early in December. Review the instructions included in your mailing for information on how and when to pay your bill.

Common mistakes to avoid when paying your taxes:

- Failing to endorse escrow checks properly
- Writing the dollar amount incorrectly
- Mailing the second payment to the Town of Trenton (Washington County collects payments

after January 31) As a reminder, the state lottery credit is clearly stated

on your tax bill and need not be applied for each year. For more information visit [reve-](#)

[nue.wi.gov](#) and search “Lottery Credit.”

2023 In Person Property Tax Collection		
SAT	12/9	10AM-12PM
TUE	12/12	10AM-12PM
TUE	12/19	10AM-12PM
THU	12/28	10AM-12PM & 3-5PM
TUE	1/16	10AM-12PM
TUE	1/30	10AM-12PM & 3-5PM

## 2024 Property Revaluation

Trenton properties will undergo a statistic revaluation in 2024. Revaluation is required when the town’s level of assessment is lower than 93%. This revaluation does not require a “walk-through.”

In most cases, the reassessment process does not result in a significant change in a property’s tax bill. The exception is when a property’s assessed value changes more than the average over the entire town.

# ADDRESS SIGNS

## Requirement

Town ordinances require posting of a town-issued address sign. Originally issued white-tile address signs satisfy the requirement. However, residents are required to purchase the new signs when the old signs are damaged. Now is the time to upgrade to the new sign, which is larger, reflective, and double-sided, allowing emergency vehicles

to find a residence more quickly.



## Compliance

The town has begun sending notifications to residences in violation, and citations will be issued if not resolved within 30 days.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Personnel

Andrew Mammen, who recently returned to the Trenton Police Department, was appointed to the Chief position in September, after Steve Swiertz stepped down from the Police Chief position due to family and other commitments. Steve will remain with the department as a patrol officer. Welcome back, Andy, and Congratulations!

# LIVESTOCK PREMISES

## CAFOs

The Town of Trenton may be home to its first CAFO in the near future. A CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) is an agricultural meat, dairy, or egg facility where animals are kept and raised in confinement.

Town, is extensive and cannot be included here. Visit [townoftrenton.wi.gov](#) (Administrator and Zoning page) for ongoing updates on this issue.

Online Livestock Premises Registration is available at [datcp.wi.gov](#) under Licenses/Permits.

## Horses

Several resources for horse ownership and manure management are available on the town website. New and existing horse owners can also attend an event that will discuss a total systems approach to pasture management, feeding, and horse health with a focus on manure stacking, storage, spreading, and composting.

## State DATCP Registration

The State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) requires registration of any property where livestock “congregate.” This includes family farms, hobby farms, backyard poultry flocks, veterinary clinics, markets, livestock feedlots, livestock dealers, and haulers.

The goal of this rule is to be able to trace livestock movements within 48 hours in case of an animal disease outbreak, to find where an infection originated and what animals have been exposed.

Horse Management Workshop  
 Thursday, November 16  
 The Preserve at Silver Spring  
 Menomonee Falls, WI  
 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
 RSVP 262.335.4804  
 See [townoftrenton.wi.gov](#)

## Hunting Season

A frequent question this time of year relates to hunting regulations and gun use. The Town of Trenton follows Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regulations. A link to these regulations is available on the town website. Be aware of your surroundings when hunting. Shooting within 100 yards of a residence is unsafe and illegal.

## Vacation Checks

Going on vacation? The Town Police Department provides home checks while residents are away for an extended period of time. Call 262.675.6009 x111 or email [tpdpatrol@townoftrenton.wi.gov](#).

Recently, the town adopted an ordinance that created a new zoning district to allow CAFOs only in that district. A Conditional Use Permit is required as well, which gives the town some ability to oversee operations.

A well-attended public hearing was held on Monday, October 9 for the public to express support or opposition to a rezoning petition related to CAFOs.

The information on CAFOs in general, and on the possibility of one in the

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### ELECTED OFFICIALS

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#### SUPERVISOR

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### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/ZONING

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### APPRAISER

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Grota Appraisals  
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Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

### TRASH & RECYCLING HOTLINE

262.675.6009 x102  
[recycling@townoftrenton.wi.gov](mailto:recycling@townoftrenton.wi.gov)

### CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES

**Harter's Lakeside Disposal**  
833.854.2158 (toll free)  
920.552.5414 (fax)

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Andrew Mammen, Chief**  
262.675.6009 x111 (town hall)  
262.335.4411 (dispatch)  
262.336.9014 (fax)  
[tpdpatrol@townoftrenton.wi.gov](mailto:tpdpatrol@townoftrenton.wi.gov)

### NEWBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Mark Chesak, Chief**  
262.675.6262  
508 Main St, Newburg

### WALLACE LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

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### SCENIC DRIVE SANITARY DISTRICT

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West Bend, WI 53095

### OFFICE HOURS

<b>TOWN HALL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES</b>	Monday– Friday	9:00A.M.–4:00P.M.
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<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>	Wednesday	3:00–5:00P.M.
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Town Hall Yard Hours: Second Saturday 8:00AM–Noon  
& Fourth Thursday (March to October) 4:00–8:00PM  
Accepting **only** brush, yard waste, waste oil, batteries, metal goods.  
Other large items, including building materials (but NOT hazardous waste) can be taken to the Waste Management Transfer Station, W124N9355 Boundary Road, Menomonee Falls. The disposal charge is based on the weight of the items and a minimum fee applies. **Hazardous waste** options are listed on the Household Clean Sweep page of the Washington County website or by calling 262.335.4445.