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ELECTION DAY
November 5
Polls Open
7:00 a.m.
to 8:00 p.m.

Election Day

The voter turnout for the November 5 General & Presidential Election is expected to be near 100% of registered voters. If you plan to vote in person on election day, be aware that there may be increased lines and waiting times. The Town Hall meeting room has a limited capacity and cannot accommodate more than 20 voters at once.

To ease the challenge of waiting outside in potentially inclement weather, there will be a heated tent outside the town hall.

Register Early!

If you are new to the Town of Trenton, or have a name or address change, and will reside here for at least 28 days before November 5, please register to vote as soon as possible. Registering online (MyVote.WI.gov) or by mail is easy but must be done on or before October 16. After this date, you must register in person in the Clerk's office. Proof of residence is required. Common examples include a Wisconsin driver's license, bank statement, utility bill, or property tax bill.

Remember to bring your Photo ID

Absentee Voting

The Town of Trenton is pleased to offer additional in-person absentee voting hours to accommodate voters for this election. See the calendar below. No appointment is necessary during these hours, but please understand that there may be lines.

As always, absentee voting by mail is a convenient option. Visit MyVote.WI.gov to apply for an absentee ballot.

Contact Clerk Heather Krueger at clerk@townoftrenton.wi.gov or 262.675.6009 x101 for additional election information.

Town of Trenton

November 5, 2024 General & Presidential Election

In-Person Absentee Voting Hours

Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 E



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 20	October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26
		10:00 a.m.–noon 1:00–5:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. 5:00–7:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.–noon 1:00–3:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.–noon 1:00–5:00 p.m.	9:00–11:00 a.m.
October 27	October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31	November 1	November 2
	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. 5:00–7:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.–noon 1:00–5:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. 5:00–7:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.–noon 1:00–3:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.–noon 1:00–5:00 p.m.	9:00–11:00 a.m.

Or by appointment—Call: 262.675.6009 x101

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dogs at Large

Town Ordinance §158-7 (1)-(3) covers the conditions under which a dog must be confined to an owner's property or leashed and under the control of an owner. Complaints have been received this summer from



people walking along some of the Town's residential roadways. Several people reported unleashed dogs charg-

ing out into the street to confront them.

If you are a dog owner, your dog must remain on your property or be leashed and under your control if it leaves your property. "Your property" does not include any part of the paved surface of the road. Individuals who encounter an off-leash dog, please take a photo of the dog and text it to 262.689.0661 or email it to tpdpatrol@townoftrenton.wi.gov so the Police Department can follow up. If a photo is not possible, a description would be helpful. Include the location of the encounter.

Parking on Town Roads

Parking on town roads is restricted to two hours between the hours

of 6:00 a.m. - midnight. Overnight parking (midnight - 6:00 a.m.) on town roads is prohibited. During a snow event, no parking is allowed on town roads to facilitate safe and efficient snow removal.

Snow Removal Reminder

When clearing your driveway of snow, remember that pushing snow onto town roads is prohibited and presents a safety hazard.

Home Vacation Checks

Residents who will be out of town can request a periodic vacation check during their absence. Contact the Police Department at 262.675.6009 x111 with your name, address, phone number, and dates.

ZONING NOTIFICATION LIST

The Town of Trenton is required to maintain a list of persons who have submitted a request to receive notice of any proposed zoning action that would affect the allowa-

ble use of their property. Property owners and residents may add their names to the list at any time by contacting Town Administrator Cindy Komro.



Be sure to visit townoftrenton.wi.gov for more information!

FIRE NUMBER/9-1-1 ADDRESS SIGNS

You may have seen Town officials driving the roads throughout the Town this spring and summer, checking for the presence of fire (address) signs at residential addresses. Several notices were sent to residents for noncompliance, especially those with no visible sign.

The old, outdated white tile signs are still permitted if the tiles are all in place, are still light-reflective, and are not obstructed by weeds or brush. See Town Ordinance §174-15 for more information on the fire sign

requirements.

The new green address signs are preferred, as they are large, visible from both sides, and reflective. These signs can make a difference in an emergency when time is critical. The cost to order a new sign, including the sign, post, and installation, is \$75. An order form is available below, on the Town website, or at the Town Hall. New fire signs make great holiday gifts for your loved ones!

Fire Number Address Sign Order Form



COST: \$75.00

Includes Sign, Post & Installation (\$100 value)
Make check payable to Town of Trenton
PO Box 259
Newburg, WI 53060

Date _____ / _____ / _____ Phone (_____) _____

Name _____

Trenton Address _____

Current Address (if different) _____

New Construction? Yes No If Yes, Building Permit # _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE PAID: _____ / _____ / _____ CASH CHECK # _____

ORDER DATE: _____ / _____ / _____ INSTALLATION DATE: _____ / _____ / _____

PUBLIC WORKS

E-Waste Registered Collector

The Town of Trenton is now a registered collector of electronic waste! Items can be recycled during all regular Town Yard recycling hours starting in October. A list of acceptable items is available on the Town website or by calling the Town Hall.



Road Work

A significant amount of road improvement was conducted in 2024 in the Town, including paving work on N Church, Sandy Acre, Maple, Creek, Paradise, Riverview, Sand, Trenton, St. Augustine, Wallace Lake, and Cedar Sauk. In addition, several roads received chip seal and crack fill maintenance work.

Annually, the Town Board members and DPW employees tour the town in order to analyze the condition of each road. This process helps determine the roads that will be recommended for repair the following year. Road maintenance and improvement costs continue to rise and town budget is limited. Priority must be given to the roads in the poorest condition and those that have the most traffic.



Plastic Bags

Empty plastic bags placed loose in trash carts are at high risk of littering the roadways. Especially on windy days, empty bags blow out of the carts while being tipped into the truck. Clean and dry bags can be recycled at most grocery stores. Alternatively, filling them with other trash is one way to avoid them being carried away.

PROPERTY TAXES

Several things are inevitable as winter approaches: Leaves will fall, snow will come, and property tax bills will be mailed. When you receive your property tax bill, note that additional IMPORTANT items are in the envelope, including:

- ✓ Property Tax Bill
- ✓ Property Tax Instruction Sheet which includes acceptable payment methods, in-person tax collection hours, and reminders for endorsing escrow checks
- ✓ 2025 Refuse/Recycling Collection Calendar (located on reverse side of the instruction sheet)
- ✓ Dog License Application

These items will also be made available on the Town website.

If you have recently built a new home in Trenton, it is possible that your tax bill mailing address will need to be updated. Contact Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer regarding this and other questions.

WELL WATER TESTING

All residents in the town of Trenton rely on groundwater for their drinking water. Fortunately, Trenton is blessed with an abundance of water, and most is of excellent quality. However, some wells are contaminated with naturally occurring arsenic or with bacteria and nitrate from various sources. Other contaminants like heavy metals are also present in some wells at unsafe levels.

These contaminants are tasteless, odorless, and colorless. The only way to know if you're drinking water is safe is to have it tested. Experts recommend periodic testing for private wells, but in practice most wells are only tested when they're drilled or when the house is sold. Testing your well every few years is an inexpensive way to ensure you are protecting your family. Wells with no problems should be retested every two to five years to make sure no problems have occurred. If your well test shows parameters that are higher than aver-

age, or if you live in areas with known contamination risk, you should test your well every year.

The Wisconsin Environmental Analytical Lab (WEAL) at UW Stevens Point (<https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/weal/Pages/Homeowner.aspx>) and several local commercial labs offer water quality testing for homeowners. There are several levels of testing. The WEAL basic Homeowner Package (\$68) is a good starting point that analyzes for nitrate and several basic water quality parameters. If nitrate is detected at elevated levels in a well, resampling using the WEAL Comprehensive Homeowner package (\$161) includes the same parameters as the basic Homeowners package and adds the most common pesticides and heavy metals like arsenic. Additional packages are available to determine if your well is impacted by discharge from septic tanks. Most commercial labs will offer similar



packages, though often at higher cost. WEAL is a great source of information and offers advice on how to sample your well and how to interpret your results.

WEAL sample bottles and instructions for testing are available at the Washington County Health Department or can be shipped directly to your home from the lab. Most commercial labs will ship bottles to you or have them available for pick up. If using a commercial lab, please ask if they are certified by the USEPA for drinking water analysis to be sure you are getting accurate results. If you have questions or need help, please contact Washington County or the Town for assistance.

The Town of Trenton hopes to provide a comprehensive "water-testing drive" in Spring 2025 to make this process easier for residents. Although the cost will still be the responsibility of the resident, there may be an opportunity to ease the burden if enough residents test their wells. Watch the Town website for updates on this program.

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VISIT US

TOWN HALL GENERAL OFFICE HOURS	MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS	WEDNESDAY	3:00 – 5:00 PM

Town Hall Recycling Yard Hours:
Second Saturday 8:00AM–Noon (all year)
& Fourth Thursday (March to October) 3:00–7:00PM
ACCEPTING ONLY THE FOLLOWING:
brush, yard waste, waste oil, batteries, metal goods, e-waste
Other large items, including building materials (but NOT hazardous waste), can be taken to Waste Management Transfer Station, W124N9355 Boundary Rd, Menomonee Falls, or GFL Transfer Station, 803 N River Rd, West Bend. 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 (washcowisco.gov) or by calling 262.335.4445.

FROM MIKE LIPSCOMB

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Dear fellow residents of the Town of Trenton,

As summer fades and fall begins, I'd like to update you on the activities that have taken place since my last message this past spring.

ROADS

This summer, we worked on 12 roads, prioritizing quality and long-term durability. The roads chosen were based on our 2023 "Roads Tour," a thorough assessment of every road and street in town, conducted by the Town Board and our DPW team. The work planned for 2025 will follow the results of our 2024 "Roads Tour." I intend to share with you a 3-5-year outlook on our roads plan, including a list of roads most in need of repair along with estimated costs.

NOVEMBER ELECTION

With a large turnout expected, we've scheduled additional in-person absentee voting hours, including some on Saturdays. On election day, a heated tent will be available to keep you comfortable in case of long lines or bad weather. To avoid waiting, early voting is always an option.

ZONING

The Planning Commission is currently drafting updates to our agricultural zoning. The existing AG zoning, known as "EA," dates back to 1978. Any new restrictions will apply only to future farming operations, ensuring that current farmers are not affected. These updates will help Trenton preserve its rural, residential character.

FIRE AND EMS SERVICES

A cornerstone of our community is the fire and emergency services that keep us safe. I've had several meetings with our Newburg Fire and EMS teams to discuss the future of these services. To maintain and improve response times, staffing, and equipment, Trenton will see an increase in our annual Fire & EMS budget. A 10% increase amounts to \$25,000 in 2025, and our agreement will now be renegotiated annually. As seen in neighboring communities like Saukville, Grafton, Mequon, and Cedarburg, the costs of attracting and retaining personnel are rising. We may need to address this through a referendum in the future. Look for more information on this important topic in an upcoming Town Crier supplement.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

In April 2025, I will seek re-election as your Chairman. If we haven't had the chance to meet yet, please feel free to reach out—I would love the opportunity to connect with every resident. We've achieved a lot together in '23 and '24, and I'm committed to continuing our progress.

I will keep working to ensure our town runs efficiently, managing costs wisely while preserving the unique character of our community. I ask for your support in maintaining what we have built together.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Lipscomb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Lipscomb - Town of Trenton Chairman