

THE TOWN CRIER

The Trenton Township Newsletter



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A Letter from The Chairman

Dear Fellow Residents of Trenton,

Fall is upon us, and as the seasons change and 2026 draws to a close, our work at Town Hall continues. Serving our residents and working toward solutions is a major part of being your Chairman, and there is still much to be accomplished. Many functions of local government require our attention throughout the year, and we remain focused on the work that matters most to our community. At Town Hall, we believe that meaningful improvements can often be found in the little details. Everything adds up to create the quality of life and level of service that we take pride in providing.

This year, our focus has been on our roads, participation in County Fire & EMS meetings, and zoning amendments. We have made great strides in our roadwork and have identified a couple of new tools for maintaining our road surfaces that will help save Trenton taxpayer dollars as our roads continue to age. We are close to adopting a Legacy Barn and Historic Building Ordinance that will enable property owners to preserve and maintain a barn, old smokehouse, or other historic structure on their property through a Conditional Use Permit. This ordinance will allow these buildings to remain standing and continue representing our Town's heritage for generations to come, should the owner choose to preserve them.

I would like to recognize one of our own, Supervisor Barb Davies. Barb has done outstanding work during her term as your Supervisor. Her research, diligence, and common-sense approach to a number of town issues have helped save time and avoid potentially costly decisions. She has voluntarily dug deep into Town records to better understand the causes and reasoning behind decisions made by past Town officials. I wish to acknowledge her dedicated service and the valuable contributions she has made to our residents. I hope Barb continues to serve as Supervisor and assist both me and all of you for years to come.

My focus remains on balancing the 2026 budget and establishing a responsible budget for 2027. Our goal remains steady: making thoughtful, common-sense decisions that serve our town and protect taxpayer dollars. I appreciate your support and confidence in my leadership.

- Mike Lipscomb

Chairman, Town of Trenton



Winter Reminders

Remember when clearing your driveway, avoid depositing any snow in the road. This practice is prohibited because it creates a safety hazard for vehicles.

The USPS requires homeowners to keep the area around their mailbox clear of snow and ice. The path must be wide enough for the postal vehicle to pull up, deliver the mail, and drive away without backing up.

Annual Zoning List Notice:

Contact Town Administrator Cindy Komro to be added to the list of persons who wish to receive notice of any proposed zoning action that would affect the allowable use of their property.

Property Taxes

Watch for your property tax bills in early December. Along with the bill, you will receive an instruction page, the 2027 Refuse/Recycling Calendar, and a dog license application. The bills are also available online as soon as Washington County has processed them.

Residents can pay their property taxes online (fee applies), by mail, at the State Bank of Newburg during normal business hours, by dropping them in the Town Hall drop box, or by paying in person at the town hall during the following dates and times:

- Tue 12/15/26: 10am–noon & 3–5pm
- Sat 12/19/26: 10am–noon
- Wed 12/30/26: 10am–noon & 3–5pm
- Wed 01/20/27: 10am–noon & 3–5pm
- Thu 01/28/27: 10am–noon & 3–5pm

See the **Treasurer and Property Tax** page on the town website for additional information.

Electric Bikes

The Town has adopted an ordinance regulating electric bicycles, as they have become a danger due to inappropriate use of them on the roads. E-bikes are required to follow the traffic laws in the same manner as regular bicycles, with a few important rules:

- **Three classes:** Class 1 (pedal assist up to 20 mph), Class 2 (throttle assist up to 20 mph), and Class 3 (pedal assist up to 28 mph). The motor must be **750 watts or less**.
- **No license or registration:** You do not need a driver's license, license plate, registration, or insurance to ride a legal e-bike.
- **Age requirement:** Riders must be **at least 16 years old** to operate a Class 3 e-bike.
- **Traffic laws:** E-bike riders have the same rights and responsibilities as bicyclists and must obey all traffic laws.
- **Where you can ride:** E-bikes are generally allowed on roads, bike lanes, and many bike paths, but local governments and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may restrict their use on certain trails.
- **Helmet:** Wisconsin does not require helmets by statewide law, but wearing one is strongly recommended.

ELECTIONS

Key Dates:

- **September 17** - Absentee ballots for the General Election will be mailed to voters with a valid request on file
- **October 14** - Last day for voters to register by mail or online for the General Election
- **October 15** - First day that registration must occur in the Clerk's office for the General Election
- **October 20** - First day to vote absentee in-person for the General Election
- **October 29 (5pm)** - Deadline for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail for the General Election
- **November 3 (5pm)** - Deadline for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the General Election

**NOVEMBER 3
GENERAL ELECTION**

**POLLS OPEN
7AM – 8PM**

Town of Trenton In-Person Absentee Voting Hours November 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION						
Sunday October 18	Monday October 19	Tuesday October 20	Wednesday October 21	Thursday October 22	Friday October 23	Saturday October 24
		In-Person Absentee Voting 10am-3pm	In-Person Absentee Voting 1-5pm	In-Person Absentee Voting 10am-3pm	In-Person Absentee Voting 1-5pm	
October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31
	In-Person Absentee Voting 10am-3pm	In-Person Absentee Voting 10am-3pm	In-Person Absentee Voting 1-5pm	In-Person Absentee Voting 10am-3pm	In-Person Absentee Voting 1-5pm	
November 1	November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5	November 6	November 7
		ELECTION DAY Polls Open 7am-8pm				
Or by appointment - Call: 262.675.6009 x101						



FIRE & EMS



National Preparedness Month

Is your family ready?

September is National Preparedness Month, a great reminder that emergencies can happen at any time. Here in Wisconsin, we experience a variety of weather-related hazards throughout the year, including severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, flooding, extreme heat, and winter storms. Taking a few simple steps now can help keep you and your family safe when the unexpected happens.

Start by creating a family emergency plan:

- Make sure everyone knows two ways out of your home
- Have a designated meeting spot outside after an evacuation
- Know how to communicate if you're separated
- PRACTICE your plan regularly so everyone feels confident about what to do

Build an emergency kit with enough supplies to last at least 72 hours. Include bottled water, non-perishable food, flashlights, extra batteries, a first aid kit, medications, phone chargers or backup power banks, and copies of important documents. If you have young children, older adults, or pets, be sure to include supplies for their specific needs.

Stay informed by signing up for emergency weather alerts and monitoring local forecasts during severe weather.

Preparedness also means making your home as safe as possible. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly, replace batteries as needed, and review your home fire escape plan with everyone in your household.

Being prepared doesn't have to happen all at once. A few simple steps today can make a significant difference tomorrow. The Newburg Fire Department encourages everyone to take time this September to prepare, stay informed, and help build a safer, more resilient community.

Emergency Medical Services

Washington County is working to provide a fiscally responsible and sustainable funding mechanism for EMS across the county while providing municipal funding relief. Discussions with municipality officials have led to many iterations of the plan. Although the plan is not yet finalized, the impact may be realized on the 2026 property tax bills by way of an increase in the County's levy.

FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the Newburg Fire Department, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, local businesses, and community members for your continued support of the annual Newburg Firemen's Picnic.

Because of your generosity and dedication, this year's picnic was once again a tremendous success. Your support not only helps us provide a fun and memorable event for the community but also plays a vital role in allowing us to continue serving and protecting the residents of Newburg and the surrounding areas.

We are truly grateful for the unwavering support we receive year after year. It is because of you that we are able to do what we do.

We are proud to serve this community and thankful for the support that makes it all possible.

- Brad Karnitz

Fire Chief, Newburg Fire Department

STAY IN TOUCH

The Town Crier publishes biannually. For general questions or information on the Town of Trenton current events, please contact your local officials or visit TownofTrenton.wi.gov.



TRENTON TOWN HALL

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Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday from 9:00AM–3:00PM
Friday from 9:00AM–1:00PM

Building Inspector Hours:

Wednesday from 3:00–5:00 PM

TOWN HALL RECYCLING

Yard Hours:

Second Saturday (Year-Round): 8:00AM–Noon
Fourth Thursday (March–October): 3:00–7:00pm

Accepted items from Town residents:

Brush, leaves, yard waste, waste oil, batteries,
metal goods, electronic waste.

Electronic waste is also accepted from area residents and schools.

Other Large Items (including building materials, excluding hazardous waste) go to:

GFL Transfer Station

803 N. River Rd, West Bend

**Fees are weight-based, with a minimum charge*

For hazardous waste, visit the Household Clean Sweep page at washcowisco.gov or call 262.335.4445.

TOWN REPRESENTATIVES

TOWN LEADERS

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WALLACE LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT Judy Mastenbrook (Billing Contact)	262.338.6934 P.O. Box 31 West Bend, WI 53095 wlsd@townoftrenton.wi.gov
SCENIC DRIVE SANITARY DISTRICT Judy Zusy	262.689.2649 PO Box 1092 West Bend, WI 53095 ScenicDrSanitaryDistrict@gmail.com

Visit the Town website for information on such topics as:

- Meetings and hearings
- Elections
- Building and Zoning
- Public Works
- Refuse/Recycling
- Community Links

Subscribe to notifications to receive alerts when new information is posted.



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