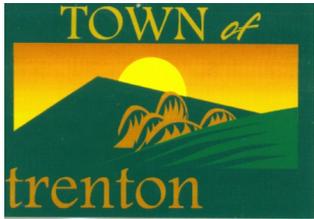


# The Town Crier

FALL 2020



## The Trenton Township Newsletter

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### GENERAL TOWN NEWS

From the Desk of Joe Gonnering

#### Driveway & Culvert Permits

A permit is required to install, upgrade, or rebuild a driveway using asphalt, concrete, or gravel. The Town Board has revised the Town rules to allow concrete driveways, including up to the road, within the road right-of-way. All NEW permits for concrete driveways in the road right-of-way require a liability waiver, which is filed with the County Register of Deeds, and which attaches to the property. In addition, two inspections will be required: one at completion of forms setup, and one after the concrete has been poured. If you have an existing concrete driveway extending to within ten feet of the road, you may be required to sign a liability waiver or have the driveway removed.

A culvert must meet Town size requirements (15-inch minimum diameter) when installing, replacing, rebuilding, or changing the surface of a driveway (gravel to asphalt/concrete, or asphalt to concrete), unless you apply for, and are granted a waiver by the Town Board. Culverts and ditches play an important role in keeping snow and water off Town roads.

Remember to get your permit before work has begun to avoid the penalty of double permit fees.

Activities to repair or maintain an existing driveway, such as adding small

amounts of gravel to low spots in an existing gravel driveway, sealing or crackfilling an existing asphalt driveway, do not require a permit.

Questions should be directed to Building Inspector Walt Groteleuschen or Zoning Administrator Barb Davies at 262.675.0415 or zoning @townoftrenton.info.

#### Structures

Canvas-type structures, plastic structures, composite structures, or a frame covered by any type of fabric or material are considered sheds according to Town ordinances. Permits are required for such structures, and the size limits applicable to sheds apply.

#### Election News

The November 3 General Election promises to be a busy one. We are working toward an effective plan to accommodate voters who choose to come to the polls on Election Day, while maintaining proper social distancing. Masks are required for Election Inspectors, and encouraged for voters. In addition, please be patient and understanding if the flow of voter traffic is different than in the past, such as being routed

through the Public Works entrance at the back of the Town Hall. We will have several "plans" ready to implement during busy times.

#### Absentee Voting In Person

Recent law changes prohibit In-Person Absentee Voting until the Tuesday two weeks before an election, equating to thirteen days (four of which fall on weekends). No Absen-

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tee voting can occur on the Monday before the election. Each municipality sets its own hours. The Town of Trenton hours are shown above. (continued on page 3)

**Town of Trenton Yard Hours**  
**Second Saturday of Each Month, 8:00 AM—Noon**  
**Fourth Thursday of Each Month, 4:00—8:00 PM**

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# LETTER FROM NEWBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT



Dear Friends of the Newburg Fire Department,

The Newburg Fire Department needs your help and support. As most of you are aware, the Annual Fireman's Picnic had to be canceled due to COVID-19. We have also had to cancel our Wednesday night Bingo during this time. These two major fundraisers are used to help offset expenses of the fire department and are used to keep taxes down in the Town of Trenton as well as the Village of Newburg.

As Covid-19 stopped our normal fundraising events this year, the Newburg Fire Department will be hosting a drive-through fish fry and a 50/50 raffle on Friday, October 2nd from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM to help cover the loss. (Drawing @ 9pm Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.) This will be on a first come, first serve basis (sorry, no preorder).

We will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets prior to the event as well as at the event. You can get raffle tickets by visit us on our Facebook page @ Newburg Fire Department, calling the fire department at 262-675-6262 and leaving a message in the general mailbox, come to the firehouse on Monday nights between 6:30—9:00PM, or reach out to one of your friendly Newburg Firefighters/EMTs. For more information visit us @ Newburgfirerescue.com. Thanks for your support.

Just a reminder in an emergency situation the property owner is liable for any damage done to any of our vehicles entering your driveway. We would like to see a minimum driveway width of 14 feet wide and a minimum height clearance of 14 feet.

Sincerely,

Mark Chesak, Newburg Fire Department Chief

## TRASH & RECYCLING

The Town has been receiving calls reporting that trash or recycling had not been collected by Advanced Disposal. Because the lids on the carts have been in the "closed" position, concerned residents believed that the trash or recycling had not been collected, when in fact it had. Cart lids may close as the cart is being lowered back to the ground, particularly on windy days. We will ask you to open the lid and confirm that



your trash or recycling is still in the cart if you call in to report "no pickup". If your trash or recycling has indeed NOT been collected, you will be asked to leave your cart(s) at the end of your driveway pending pickup.

We encourage placing your carts at the end of your driveway the night before scheduled pickup. Advanced Disposal will not return to

pick up trash or recycling that was not curbside when the driver completed collections on your street. Collection times can vary, so placing your trash and recycling curbside the night before scheduled pickup will eliminate the possibility that you will miss getting your carts out on time.

If your cart needs repair (lid, wheel, cart itself), call the Town to report the problem. Be advised that the repair could take several days to more than a week. The

Town contacts the repair team at Advanced Disposal, where a work order is issued. You must leave your broken cart at the end of your driveway until the repair has been completed. Advanced Disposal repair teams serve several other municipalities in addition to the Town of Trenton. Please call the Town if you feel the repair is taking longer than acceptable.

## PROPERTY TAXES

Property Tax Collection Season is almost here! Town Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer reminds everyone of the following:

- Instructions will be mailed along with your property tax bill—PLEASE READ THEM (note the trash and recycling calendar will again be printed on the back of the instructions)
- Please sign the back of escrow checks, if you are listed as payee (more than one person may be required to sign)
- Printed receipts will be provided ONLY if a pre-addressed, STAMPED envelope is included, or if you pay in person
- To provide the safest environment during COVID, residents are encouraged to mail tax payments or drop

them at the Town Hall drop box; online payment options are also available for a fee; visit [www.townoftrenton.info](http://www.townoftrenton.info) for the most current information

- If paying in person, masks are encouraged when visiting the Town Hall
- Receipts are available at [LandRecords.co.washington.wi.us/LandRecords](http://LandRecords.co.washington.wi.us/LandRecords) as soon as your payment has posted; other valuable information about your property is available there as well
- Dog licenses, while not due until April 1, 2021, can be purchased  when paying your taxes; an application will be included in the property tax bill mailing; note that a copy of the current rabies certificate is required
- In-Person Tax Collection hours are shown below

### IN PERSON PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 10:00AM–NOON  
IN DECEMBER

WEDNESDAYS IN JANUARY 10:00–11:00AM

# ELECTION NEWS

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## Voter Registration

If you are not registered, register NOW! on Election Day Registration is available, but is discouraged because it takes additional time. The deadline to register **online or by mail** is **October 14**. The deadline to register in the Clerk's office is 5:00 PM on **October 30**. Visit [MyVote.WI.gov](http://MyVote.WI.gov) for online voter activities, such as seeing what's on your ballot, finding your polling place, viewing and updating your voter record and tracking your Absentee Ballot. If you cannot find your voter record at [MyVoteWisconsin](http://MyVoteWisconsin.com), there may be an issue with your voter registration. Please contact Clerk Cindy Komro at 262.675.6009. Usually, the problem is a simple typo, and is easily corrected.

## Absentee Voting by Mail

Request an Absentee Ballot early, to ensure sufficient time to receive and return it. Ballots for the November 3 election were mailed on Sep-

tember 17 to anyone with a valid application on file. Ballots will be mailed to voters within 24 hours of the Clerk receiving an valid application. Note that photo ID must be provided the first time you vote Absentee by mail.

To request an Absentee Ballot:

- ✓ Visit [MyVote.WI.gov](http://MyVote.WI.gov) to request online (note that work computers may have firewalls that block this process)
- ✓ Visit [elections.wi.gov](http://elections.wi.gov) to print Form EL-121, Absentee Ballot Request; complete the form and return it to Clerk Cindy Komro at the Town Hall
- ✓ Call Clerk Cindy Komro at 262.675.6009 x101 to have Form EL-121 mailed to you
- ✓ The Post Office WILL NOT forward ballot materials, so if you are temporarily away, you should request the ballot be sent to that temporary address

If your photo ID is not yet on file with the Clerk, you must provide it the first time you vote Absentee by Mail. Call Clerk Cindy Komro if you need assistance..

Political Parties and PACs mail Absentee Ballot Applications that APPEAR to come from the Town Clerk. This

causes confusion, especially for voters who already have applications on file. Visit [MyVote.WI.gov](http://MyVote.WI.gov) or contact Clerk Cindy Komro to verify your Absentee Ballot status.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) recently mailed Absentee Applications to all registered voters in the state who did not have an application on file. If you have questions about this mailing, please contact Clerk Cindy Komro.

The following procedures are **CRITICAL** when voting Absentee by mail:

- ✓ Absentee Ballots should be marked with blue or black ink, but please note that permanent markers like a Sharpie **SHOULD BE AVOIDED**—these markers bleed through and can cause inaccurate readings by the tabulator
- ✓ The ovals MUST be filled in properly for the machine to record your intended vote—DO NOT just place an "X" in the oval
- ✓ The Certificate Envelope that is used for returning the ballot MUST have the **voter signature**, a qualified

**witness signature**, and the **address** of the witness, as highlighted on the envelope.

- ✓ Absentee Ballots MUST be returned to the Clerk no later than 8:00 PM on Election Day—by mail or by dropping the ballot in the Town Hall drop box or delivering it in person during normal business hours.
- ✓ Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelopes MUST NOT be tampered with (for example, opened and resealed)—if your envelope was damaged, please contact the Clerk for a new one
- ✓ Track your Absentee Ballot online at [MyVote.wi.gov](http://MyVote.wi.gov)
- ✓ If you request an Absentee ballot **and return it**, you will not be allowed to vote in person on Election Day.

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# ORDINANCE UPDATES

## Street Parking

Street parking is allowed on most Town roads for a maximum of two hours. No overnight parking is allowed. State parking regulations apply with respect to



the safe position of autos. For example, you can't park within 15 feet of a crosswalk or intersection.

The Town of Trenton recently updated its parking ordinance with respect to citation amounts. Parking violations are subject to a \$20 forfeiture if paid within 20

days and \$50 if paid after 20 days but within 60 days.

## Boating

The Town's boating ordinance was also recently updated to allow Police Officers to enforce the regulations, in addition to updates to the forfeiture amounts for viola-

tions. Note that parking is allowed only on the north side of the boat launch, for vehicles with boat trailers, or vehicles used to haul non-motorized boats.

Questions or concerns regarding the ordinance updates should be directed to the Police Department.

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**GENERAL OFFICE HOURS**

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

& Fourth Thursday, 4:00—8:00PM

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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