

The Town Crier

The Trenton Township Newsletter

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TRASH & RECYCLING

From the Desk of Joe Gonnering

The Town of Trenton shares the frustration of many residents who have had issues with their trash and recycling collection service of late. We are working with Waste Management to resolve these issues and we appreciate your continued patience.



The contract with Waste Management for curbside collection service ends in August 2022. The Town Board will be soliciting bids for a new contract beginning in spring.

The cost for the entire year of trash and recycling curbside service is added to your property tax bill as a special charge. The cost in 2021 is \$12.58 per month for trash and \$3.76 per month for recycling, calculating out to \$16.34 monthly, or \$196.08 for the year.

Please note that carts MUST be at the curb no later than 6:00AM. Waste Management will NOT return to collect if you forget or are late. This is a good reason to put your carts out the night before your scheduled collection.

Issues with the timing of your trash or recycling collection can occur for many reasons. Holidays often cause delays because of changes in workers or routes. If your trash or recycling collection is delayed, please check the Town website, or call the Town Hall trash/

recycling number, 262.675.6009 x102 for updates. It is usually recommended that you leave your cart at the road until it is collected, which often occurs within a day or two. However, in certain circumstances, the delay could be longer.

Since the Spring Town Crier newsletter, the process for residents to report trash and recycling concerns has changed. Waste Management has requested that residents contact the Call Center directly at **888.960.0008** to report cart repair needs, including lids and wheels, as well as missed trash and recycling collection. If you are on hold with Waste Management Customer Service for more than ten minutes, leave a message at the Town Hall trash/recycling number, 262.675.6009 x102 or send an email to recycling@townoftrenton.wi.gov.

Lids on the carts should be closed, but in most cases, as long as the contents are secured, open or gaping lids should not cause any problems. Remember that trash should be bagged, but recycling should be loose. However, carts that are stuffed tightly will restrict the contents from emptying into the cart.

The GFL Transfer Station on North River Road will accept, **for a fee**, items that cannot be left for curbside collection, such as construction debris, mattresses and other large items.

FIRE NUMBERS

Town ordinance §174-15 requires each property owner to display and maintain an address sign at their residence. If the address sign is destroyed or lost, "the property owner shall order and pay for a replacement address sign **from the Town of Trenton** within 30 days". Failure to display an address sign in violation of the ordinance is subject to a citation.

The Fire Department recommends use of the flag-style address signs, which have been available for several years. Because they are highly visible, these large, reflective, double-sided signs are extremely important when responding to an emergency call.



Beginning in Spring 2022, the Town will be issuing citations for residences that are out of compliance with this ordinance. If you need an address sign, be sure to order one soon. Residents with orders on file will not be fined.

The cost of the sign, post, and installation is only \$55. Order forms may be obtained by mail (call 262.675.6009), in person at the Town Hall, or by visiting the Building Permit page of the town's website (www.townoftrenton.wi.gov).

CONCRETE DRIVEWAYS

Town ordinances prohibit concrete in the road right-of-way, which means that the last ten feet of the driveway—measured from the edge of the town road towards your home—cannot be concrete. Note that these concrete driveway restrictions do NOT apply to

residents living on private roads in the Town.

Permits are required when installing or replacing a driveway. Failure to obtain a permit will result in additional fees.

Contact Zoning Administrator Barb Davies with questions or concerns.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Town Hall Yard Hours

The Public works Department is available to receive brush, waste oil, batteries and metal goods. The Town yard is open on the second Saturday of each month from 8:00AM—12NOON for this service. From March through October, it is also open on the fourth Thursday of each month from 4:00—8:00PM.

Let it Snow!

Snow season will be upon us before we know it. During a snow event, the Department of Public Works first plows the MAIN roads, then the “collector” roads, such as Paradise (roads that feed into the main roads). Next, the “arterial” roads, such as Trenton and South Oak (roads that get you from one

main road to another) are plowed. Finally, the drivers will get to the secondary roads, and finish with subdivisions. Because the main roads must accommodate more traffic, they must be cleared first. The DPW thanks you for your patience as they work through to your particular road.

The snowplows will get as close to mailboxes as they can but ultimately Town residents are responsible for clearing snow from in front of and 15 feet to each side of their mailboxes.

Occasionally, mailboxes are knocked down during a storm. Most mailboxes are not hit by the snow plow, but instead are hit by the snow roll coming off the plow. Now is a good time to check your mailbox and post to make sure it is sturdy and

secure.

If the Town snowplow knocks down a mailbox, the Public Works Department will put it back up as time permits. Ultimately it is the



homeowner’s responsibility to make sure a mailbox is in place and accessible to allow for mail delivery.

Town ordinances prohibit blowing or pushing snow from driveways onto roadways. For everyone’s safety, please refrain from leaving any snow on the roads as you clear the end of your driveway.

Parking on Town roads is not allowed, as Town ordinances specify that parked vehicles should have all tires OFF the road. This restriction is especially important in the winter months, when snowplows need the space to properly clear the snow.

Please be considerate of the snowplows: slow down, give the drivers room to do their work and pass snow plows with caution.

The Town continues to be mindful of the cost of salt. To that end, salting will be done mainly on intersections. In addition, salt will be spread after storms. Be aware of icy conditions and drive with caution! Driving slowly is the best way to prevent accidents.

Have a safe winter.

ELECTIONS

Odd Years vs Even Years

Have you noticed that 2021 only had elections in the spring? That is true for odd years, unless there is a special election for some reason, such as when a candidate resigns mid-term.

During even years, the fall elections cover the offices of U.S. President, State Governor and other State and Federal Legislators.

Voter Registration

Register to vote as soon as you are eligible. You can register online, by mail, in the municipal clerk’s office or at the polling place on Election Day. Proof of residence is required. Registering online is easy if your Wisconsin Driver’s License or State ID card has your current address.

Documents that prove residence include a current Driver’s License or State ID

card, bank or credit card statement, utility bill, property tax bill or receipt, paycheck or pay stub, and others. Certain restrictions apply in each case. For exam-



ple, to prove residence, a Driver’s License cannot be expired but it may be revoked or suspended. A utility bill cannot be for a period more than 90 days before registration.

Photo ID

Photo ID, or Proof of Identification is different from Proof of Residence. Photo ID is required to obtain a ballot on Election Day. You must be a registered voter to request a ballot, and at that time you present your

Photo ID. A Wisconsin Driver’s License or State ID card is the most common form of Photo ID. A U.S. Passport is another example. For Photo ID purposes, a Driver’s License, State ID card or Passport MAY be expired, as long as it expired after the last General Election (currently that date is November 3, 2020).

Voting in the Town

The Town of Trenton has one polling place: the Town Hall at 1071 State Hwy 33E. Polls are open on election day from 7:00 AM—8:00 PM. Absentee voting is available, which can be accomplished by mail or in person before each election.

Election Inspectors

Election Inspectors, also known as Poll Workers, conduct assigned duties at a polling location on Election Day. Duties include issuing ballots

to registered voters, registering voters, monitoring the voting equipment, explaining how to mark the ballot or use the voting equipment. Contact Clerk Cindy Komro if you are interested in becoming an Election Inspector.

My Vote Wisconsin

My Vote Wisconsin (myvote.wi.gov) is the place to go to review your voter record, find your polling place and what’s on your ballot, register to vote, change your name or address, request and track your absentee ballot and lots more.

WEC

The Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) administers and enforces Wisconsin elections law, and is made up of six members.

The WEC’s website (elections.wi.gov) is a great resource for all state election information.

Your property tax mailing will include a tax bill, a return envelope, dog license applications and an INSTRUCTION SHEET (like the one below) with the 2022 TRASH & RECYCLING CALENDAR on the back.
Please read the instructions. Most of your questions will be answered.

Property Tax Instructions



➤ Pay your property tax bill in one of the following ways:


BEFORE JANUARY 31, Pay Town of Trenton:

- ✓ Mail check in enclosed envelope to **Town of Trenton, PO Box 259, Newburg, WI 53060**
- ✓ Place in Drop Box at the Town Hall, 1071 Hwy 33E, West Bend (available 24 hours/day)
- ✓ In person at the Town Hall
 - * Wednesdays, December 15, 22, 29, 10AM-12NOON
 - * Monday, January 31, 2022 10AM-12NOON
- ✓ In person at State Bank of Newburg, 300 Congress Dr, Newburg, WI 53060
 - * Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM
 - * Sat 8AM-12NOON
 - * (TAXES ONLY, NO DOG LICENSES)
- ✓ Online using credit card or eCheck (*fee applies*) through a link on Property Taxes page at www.townoftrenton.wi.gov
- ✓ By phone using credit card or eCheck (*fee applies*) at **888.604.7888**

AFTER JANUARY 31, Pay Washington County:

- ✓ Mail to **Washington County Treasurer, 432 E Washington St, West Bend, WI 53095-7986**
- ✓ Online or by phone (*fee applies*) via Washington County website: www.washcowisconsin.gov
- ✓ By phone using credit card or eCheck (*fee applies*) —Call County at 262.335.4324

➤ Be sure to endorse escrow checks properly

	Your Bank 555 Money St	DATE December 20, 2021
PAY TO <u>Tom & Jane Doe & Town of Trenton</u> \$		
Three thousand five hundred seventy nine & ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ ---- dollars		
MEMO Property Taxes		<u>Robert W. Banker</u>
1234 5678 9876 543210		

When an escrow check is made payable to the Owner(s) AND the Town of Trenton, all those listed must sign the back of the check

The check pictured at the left requires BOTH Tom and Jane Doe to endorse it on the back

➤ Note escrow payment amounts

- ✓ Include a separate check if escrow check is short
- ✓ Expect refunds of \$1 or more within 21 days if escrow check is over amount due

➤ Add amounts properly if writing one check for multiple parcels

➤ Indicate mailing address change on payment stub

➤ Receive a payment receipt in one of the following ways:

- ✓ Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive a paper receipt
- ✓ Provide email address to receive an emailed receipt
- ✓ Visit LandRecords.co.washington.wi.us/LandRecords to print receipt

➤ Please DO NOT staple your check to the payment stub



Contact Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer for more information
 at 262.675.6009 x103 or treasurer@townoftrenton.wi.gov



CONTACT INFO

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SUPERVISOR

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SUPERVISOR

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Jeff Gonzalez, Chairman

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Mary Kilian, Secretary/Treasurer

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PO Box 1092

West Bend, WI 53095

GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8:00AM—2:00PM Tuesday 9:00AM—12:00PM

Wednesday 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 (March-October) 4:00—8:00PM

Accepting **only** brush, 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.*

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