

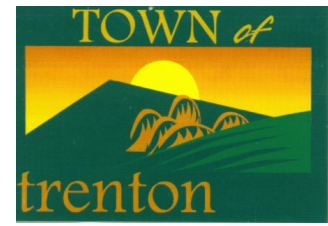
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TRASH & RECYCLING

From the Desk of Joe Gonnering

Curbside Collection Contract

The curbside collection contract with Waste Management ends on December 31, 2022. The Town Board will be soliciting bids for a new contract later this year. It is expected that the monthly cost will increase with whichever provider ultimately serves the Town of Trenton.

Placement of Carts

When placing your carts at the road for collection each week, it is important that they are NOT on the road. They should be placed at the end of your driveway, within a foot of the road. In addition, when two carts are out for collection (when trash and recycling are both scheduled), the carts should be spaced at least three feet apart from one another. These precautions allow the waste truck apparatus to effectively lift the carts to dump the contents. Placing carts on either side of the driveway is ideal.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste collection is expensive and should be limited when possible. To help limit the need for disposal, purchase only what you need and use up all products and ask family, friends or neighbors if they need anything before disposing

As a last resort, Washington County' offers the Household Clean Sweep

program. In the past, Clean Sweep events took place in Washington County once a year, making participation in the event difficult for many residents. The Clean Sweep one-day event has been replaced with a county-resident-only hazardous waste disposal service at Veolia Environmental Services in Menomonee Falls.

The service is available Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00AM-6:00PM all year. Washington County residents will need to transport items to the site for disposal. Facility operators reserve the right to refuse any substance that cannot be disposed. Residents are allowed to drop off and/or take usable materials such as cleaning or automotive products, paints/stains, and lawn & garden products at no charge.

The cost is \$20 and pre-registration is required. Proof of Washington County residency will be required at the Veolia entrance gate. Please pay close attention to what can and what cannot be disposed as hazardous waste.

Additional information can be found on the Washington County website (co.washington.wi.us) or directly at washcoparks.com.

- Click "Clean Sweep" in the banner heading on the landing page
- Click "Full Details" at right on the next landing page

You will have access to full details on what can and can not be accepted, dates that you can bring your items, hours of operation, and a map showing the location of the Veolia site. You will also find links to alternative disposal options for items other than hazardous waste.



Drug Take Back Day

The Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department has scheduled "Drug Take Back Day" for Saturday, April 30 from 10:00AM-2:00PM at the Ozaukee County Transit Center & Concordia University. In addition, Medication Drop Boxes are always available at the West Bend Police Department.



Electronic Waste

Waste Management will host the town's annual electronic waste event on Saturday, September 10 from 8:00AM-noon in the Town Hall parking lot. Bring your flat-screen TVs, DVD players, computer and printer equipment. Be prepared to show proof of town residence.

Other options for recycling electronic waste are listed on a "Disposal/Recycling Reference Guide" on the town's website, townoftrenton.wi.gov (see Recycling/Garbage page).

Town Yard Recycling

The Town of Trenton accepts limited items for recycling on specific days throughout the year. Year-round, the town yard is open from 8:00AM-noon on the second Saturday

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of each month. March through October, the yard is also open from 4:00–8:00PM on the fourth Thursday. The following items are accepted:

- ✓ Batteries
- ✓ Waste oil
- ✓ Scrap metal (excluding anything containing freon)
- ✓ Brush (NO grass clippings or leaves)

Town Hall Yard Hours
Second Saturday
of each month
8:00AM—Noon

Fourth Thursday
of each month
(March through October)
4:00—8:00PM

FIRE DEPARTMENT

We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Our annual Newburg Fireman’s Picnic will be held this year on June 3rd through June 5th. Last year our picnic was a success thanks to all of you. This year we hope you will join us for another successful picnic. We have great bands performing each night—The Toys: Revisited and The Toys on Friday, Madison County on Saturday, and Whiskey Throttle and Big Bass Trio on Sunday. On Saturday afternoon we have a bag toss tournament and a miniature bowling tournament. We end our picnic Sunday starting with a huge

parade at noon. All weekend long we will have our food stand open and carnival rides for all to enjoy. Visit our picnic webpage for more details and registration forms at newburgfirerescue.com/picnic.

Along with our picnic, we have raffle tickets for sale. See one of our members to purchase or contact us by email or Facebook. Raffle tickets this year are one for \$5, three for \$10, and seven for \$20. This year we have a 1st prize of \$1,000, along with more cash prizes and other great items from our wonderful donors.

We could also use your



help during the picnic. If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer, please contact us. We generally have shifts of four hours in the tent (tending bar) or in the food stand (making or serving food). If you are able to volunteer, please call 262.675.6262, email mail@newburgfirerescue.com, or message us on our Facebook page.

As always, we are accepting applications for volunteer EMTs and firefighters. Visit our website to download an application or visit us on a Monday night after 6:00PM at the fire department.

Stay Safe,
 Bryan Fechter
 Vice President/Captain
 Newburg Fire Department

ELECTIONS

Redistricting

The State of Wisconsin recently performed a “redistricting” based on the results of the 2020 Census. You may have noticed that your ward changed, or that your County Supervisor or another representative changed. You can always find your current representatives listed at MyVote.WI.gov. Please note that the redistricting process is not yet final with respect to certain representatives.

Absentee Voting Rules

New rules restricting the method of returning absentee ballots were put in place for the April 5 Spring Election. Specifically, a voter must return his or her own ballot by mail or in person. A voter CANNOT return another person’s ballot. In addition, the use of the convenient drop box at the Town hall is not allowed as of this writing.

Be sure to follow the instructions enclosed with your absentee ballot. Failure to follow the instructions could lead to your ballot being rejected. The main reasons absentee ballots are rejected include:

- ✓ Witness not supplying his or her address on the ballot certificate envelope
- ✓ Witness failing to sign the ballot certificate envelope
- ✓ Voter failing to sign the ballot certificate envelope
- ✓ Ballot returned by a person other than the voter or placed in the drop box

If the Clerk finds any of these issues, your ballot will be returned to you so that you can attempt to satisfy the requirements before election day. Sometimes there is not enough time to accomplish this, so it is CRITICAL to read, understand and follow the instructions included in



the packet containing your ballot.

Applying for an Absentee ballot is easy at MyVote.WI.gov or by submitting a paper Form EL-121,

Application for Absentee Ballot to the Town Clerk. You can request a ballot for a calendar year or a specific election. Voters who are indefinitely confined due to

“age, illness, infirmity or disability” may request a ballot for all future elections until no longer confined, or fail to return a ballot. **Note that falsely claiming to be indefinitely confined in order to obtain an absentee ballot may result in a fine of up to \$1,000 and up to six months in prison.**

August Partisan Primary

The Fall Partisan Primary election will take place on August 9. A Partisan Primary is an election where voters can vote for candidates in ONE PARTY ONLY. Voters

select a candidate to be a political party’s nominee for a given office in the corresponding general election (in this case, November 8).

If you choose a candidate in both the Democrat and Republican Parties, your ballot will be rejected, unless you also choose the party at the top of the ballot. The optical scan machine will then count those votes and ignore any votes in the other parties. Occasionally, voters fill in the corresponding circle for a particular party but fail to choose the candidates for each office within that party. It is important to choose candidates for each office that you want to have represent the party for the general election.

Be an informed voter by reviewing the sample ballot before each election, available at the Town Hall or online at MyVote.WI.gov.

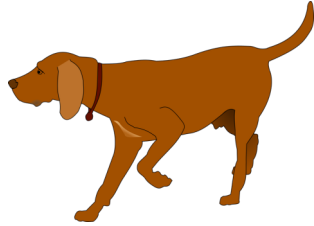
Please contact the Town Clerk or the Wisconsin Elections Commission for additional information.

TREASURER REMINDERS

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are required for dogs five months and older. License fees are \$12 for dogs who are not spayed or neutered and \$7 for dogs who are spayed or neutered. Dogs acquired mid-year can be licensed for half the regular fee. Failure to have a valid dog license could result in a citation of up to \$200.

Dog licenses are valid each year from January 1st to December 31st, regardless of when the license is purchased. Even though applica-



tions are due April 1st, be aware that your dog is technically not holding a valid license if you apply after January 1st. Applications submitted after April 1 are subject to a \$5 late fee. Proof of rabies vaccination must be included with the dog license application.

If you own more than three dogs, a **multiple** dog

license is required. The approval process for this application takes additional time and includes a public hearing, a background check and an inspection of the property.

Property Tax Payments

Property tax first installments were due January 31st. Second installments are due July 31st and must be paid to Washington County. Note that late payments will result in late payment penalties and interest.

If you misplaced your property tax bill or receipt, you can find it online. Wash-

ington County Land Records is a comprehensive web portal with information on your property, including:

- Tax Bills & Receipts
- Property Assessments
- Sales History
- POWTS (Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System) information

Visit townoftrenton.wi.gov (Property Taxes page) to find a link to this portal. If you don't have internet access, please contact Town Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer at 262.675.6009 x103 for assistance.

FIRE NUMBERS

Town ordinances require each residence to have an address sign and anyone in violation will receive a citation. The fire department recommends use of the highly visible flag-style address signs, which are available for

purchase through the Town of Trenton. Although the old tile signs do not violate current town ordinances, the flag-style signs are required when a sign must be replaced.

Currently, the cost to residents for the **sign, post and installation** is \$55 (the

cost to the town is \$100). Recently, the Town Board approved a \$20 increase to this price. If you're interested in ordering an address sign at the current cost of \$55, your order and payment must be submitted by June 30th. Beginning July 1st, the cost will be \$75.

An order form is available below or maybe found on the Building Permits page of townoftrenton.wi.gov to print one. Mail it or drop it off at the Town Hall along with a check made payable to "Town of Trenton." Please allow 6-12 weeks for installation.

Town of Trenton Fire Number Order Form	<div style="border: 2px solid green; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #00a651; color: white; margin-bottom: 5px;"> TOWN OF TRENTON </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: white; margin-bottom: 5px;"> House Number: </div>	Make check payable to Town of Trenton PO Box 259 Newburg, WI 53060
Date	/ /	COST: \$55.00 IF RECEIVED BY JUNE 30, 2022 \$75.00 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022
Phone	()	
Name		
Trenton Address		
Current Address (if different)		
New Construction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, Building Permit # _____
OFFICE USE ONLY		DATE PAID: / /
PAID BY: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK # _____	
ORDER DATE: / /	INSTALLATION DATE: / /	

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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 to 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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