

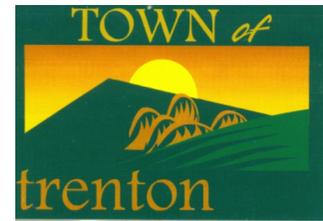
# The Town Crier

The Trenton Township Newsletter

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## TOWN NEWS

From the Desk of Joe Gonnering

### TOWN ANNUAL MEETING

At the Town annual meeting, Town residents conduct the business, by making motions and seconds and voting all items on the agenda. The Town Chairman presides over the meeting, but the residents are the ones to vote. Possible voting opportunities are to approve Town Board salaries (every other year) and any other business to come before the meeting. This meeting is intended to keep all residents informed about the activity in the Town.

The following reports are available at the Town Annual Meeting:

- Newburg Fire Department
- County Sheriff's Department
- Town Police Department
- Budget Report
- Department of Public Works
- Recycling
- Mid-Moraine Municipal Court
- County Board

Come to the Annual Meeting to meet your elected officials and view the Town DPW, Police, and Fire Equipment!

### NEW TOWN PARK

Early this year, a parcel of land was donated to the Town of Trenton to be used for a park. The park, located on the northeast corner of Bernadine Circle and Cecelia Drive, will be developed in the near future, and will be named "Vivian Stockhausen Park."

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#### Tree Trimming

The Town DPW continues to remove dead trees, especially ash trees, from the roadside. During this process,

the DPW may close roads for safety. Please be considerate of the road closures and adjust your route if necessary.

Logs from the removed trees are made available to residents on a first-come, first-serve basis. The adjacent property owner has first rights to these logs. Prompt removal is encouraged to take advantage of the logs that are left by the DPW.

In addition to logs, wood chips are available for residents. If you are interested in receiving a load of wood chips delivered free of charge to your property, please call 262.675.6009 x109 and leave your name, address, phone number and specific location to leave the wood chips.

The DPW can only cut trees within the road right-of way, 33 feet from the road's center line. Dead trees on a resident's property outside of the road right-of-way are the responsibility of the resident.

#### 2016-2017 Snow Season

The 2016-2017 snow season started out in a fury but was milder than expected, except for the recent March blizzard of course! The DPW used a sand/salt mixture distributed down the center of the road, after the road was thoroughly plowed. The sand in the mixture helps keep the salt on the roads. This process reduces overall winter salting costs. We thank everyone for driving responsibly and being cautious during snow events.

#### 2017 Road Work

Expected roadwork in 2017 includes new asphalt paving, some chipsealing and some crackfilling. The specific roads to be repaired will depend on cost and what is available in the budget. Please take caution and drive slow during the

road work season.

#### Town Yard

On the second Saturday of each month, the Town Yard is open from 8:00 AM—noon for residents to bring metal goods, waste oil, brush, and batteries for disposal. No electronics are accepted at this time. However, the Town is planning a free e-waste event later this year, tentatively scheduled for September 9. Watch the website for details.

### TOWN BEAUTY

I am very proud of the beauty in the Township, and therefore, am disheartened when I see random trash on the roads. Some of the trash is caused by the inevitable blowing of debris on trash day, but some of it is clearly caused by people tossing trash out of their vehicles as they drive through. I encourage everyone to be responsible with their trash. If Town residents all gathered some trash around their property, the Town would continue to be a beautiful area to live and to visit. Thanks again to everyone's efforts in this regard!

—Joseph C. Gonnering 

**Town Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 18**  
**8:00 PM**

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Joseph Gabrish

## Facebook

The Trenton Police Department has a Facebook page where information and pictures and articles are now posted. We no longer have a website other than the page link on the Town's main website. We were not getting many visitors and it was time-consuming to keep the old webpage. Facebook seems to be more interactive and where most people now go first for information.

## RADAR

The Police Department frequently gets requests to sit on residence streets to monitor traffic and speeds. If you have a concern let us

know and in our spare time we will check it out. Last Fall we sat on Sand Drive and were able to get the word out. If you are stopped by the police remain in your vehicle and remain calm and relax. The officer will approach you and explain the issue. If he decides to issue a citation you have the right to appeal his decision through the court system. There is no right for you to see the RADAR. It is far too dangerous for you to be out on the roadway to see the RADAR. Also the officers are not there to argue with you, they are there to enforce the law and keep the community safe.

## Personnel Changes

**Officer Chris Cheek** graduated from the Police

Academy in December and is on the road on full duty. Chris has previous experience as a Reserve Officer in Grafton.

**Officer Anthony Beck-**er was hired in October and after a few months of training is also on the road and on full duty. Tony has previous experience with the Wauwatosha Police Department and the DNR.

These are replacement positions.

## Fires/ Burning



Summer will be here shortly. You may have small Bon Fires without a permit. You may not burn any noxious or toxic materials such as rubber or plastics. Watch for Summer Burn Bans due to dry weather. For large Fires notify the

Newburg Fire Department in advance, they will notify us and the Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center. If your fire gets out of control or starts to look like you are losing control call 911.

## Annual Report

The Police Department presents an Annual Report to the Board at the annual meeting in April each year. I will put the stats on our Facebook page shortly after that meeting. We typically have over 1,500 calls for service and over 1,000 traffic stops on 20,000 miles of patrol throughout the town each year.

Chief JT Gabrish  
Trenton Police

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hope everyone enjoyed the winter and all you snow-mobilers got to use your sleds.

The Newburg Fire Department is still accepting applications for emergency medical technicians (EMTs). If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 262.675.6262 I would love to talk to you and ex-

plain what we do and what would be expected of you.

Just a reminder we have bingo every first and third Wednesday of the month. And this year our annual fireman's picnic will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be our 125<sup>th</sup> fireman's picnic. I hope to see you there.

Stay safe,  
Mark Chesak, Chief  
Newburg Fire Department

# CLEAN SWEEP



Washington County's Full Service Clean Sweep Program is 8:00am—noon on Saturday, **May 6, 2017** at the Washington County Slinger Highway Shop, 314 West Washington Street (Hwy 175), Slinger.

Pre-registration and a \$20 per vehicle fee is required for hazardous waste, E-goods and appliances. No registra-

tion is required for pharmaceuticals and tires, but fees apply for tire disposal.

For additional information, our website has a direct link on our Community Page. Or, visit the Washington County website, [www.co.washington.wi.us](http://www.co.washington.wi.us), call the 24-hour hotline at 262.335.4808 or call the Land & Water Conservation Division Office at 262.335.4800.

# PET LICENSING

Remember that all dogs over the age of five months must have a valid license. Licensing your dog improves the chances that he or she will be returned to you if lost. A valid license also informs others of a current rabies vaccination. And it will help you avoid the \$150 citation if your dog is found without it.

Late fees are assessed if your dog is not licensed by

April 1. If your dog is not yet five months old or if you obtained your dog in the last 30 days, please complete the form as soon as he or she is old enough (no late fee will be assessed).

If you must report a change in dog ownership, please notify Treasurer Monica Diaz. Each year a delinquent dog report is sent to the County Clerk for investigation by the District Attorney's office.



# ATHLETICS

The Town of Trenton's 2017 Athletics season will begin soon. Children aged 4-9 can play soccer, baseball, and flag football. Visit the Athletics page at [www.townoftrenton.info](http://www.townoftrenton.info) for more information, including the registration form, schedules and deadlines.



Participants need not be Town of Trenton residents,

so encourage your friends to participate!

Sign up early! Each sport must have a minimum number of players signed up by the deadline in order to avoid delays or cancellation.

We need coaches! You do not need to have a child in the program to coach. High school students who are interested in getting experience in this area are encouraged to help out too!

Questions can be directed to Lori Wanninger at [athletics@townoftrenton.info](mailto:athletics@townoftrenton.info).

## ELECTIONS

### Voter Registration

Residents who have never voted in the Town of Trenton are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Register online at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) or by completing Form EL-131,

Voter Registration Application, available on our website.

Proof of residence is required.

Election day registration is available, but substantial time is required to complete this process on election day.

### Absentee Voting

Voting absentee by mail is a convenient option. Request an absentee ballot online at

[www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) or by completing Form EL-121, Application for Absentee Ballot and mailing it to the Town of Trenton, PO Box 259, Newburg, WI 53060. Visit [www.townoftrenton.info](http://www.townoftrenton.info) or call the Town Clerk at 262.675.6009 for forms and additional information.



**SPRING ELECTION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4**

## FIRE NUMBERS

Failure to display a legal fire number in the manner stated in the Town Code can lead to a citation.

Order a new fire number for your property for \$55, which includes the sign, post, and installation. Note that installation may take up to

four months after your request has been received.

Use the form below or find one on our website at [www.townoftrenton.info](http://www.townoftrenton.info).

## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

We're here to help! The Town of Trenton has expanded office hours. Clerk Cindy Komro, Deputy Clerk Lori Wanninger, Treasurer Monica Diaz, Zoning Administrator Barbara Davies and Building Inspector Walt Groteleuschen are available at various hours listed below to meet your needs. Come in or call 262.675.6009 for assistance!

### GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday 7:30AM-1:30PM  
 Tuesday 11:00AM-2:00PM  
 Wednesday 7:30AM-11:30AM  
 Thursday 11:30AM-2:30PM

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Thursday 3:00PM-5:00PM

### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Friday 9:00AM-3:00PM

### TOWN OF TRENTON FIRE NUMBER REQUEST

Write your number here →



Make checks payable to  
 Town of Trenton  
 PO Box 259, Newburg WI  
 53060

DATE	
OWNER	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	

Install Fire Number Sign and Post \$ 55.00

#### Office Use only:

Paid By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  Cash  Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Order Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Installation Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY VALUES



Each year, your Town of Trenton property tax bill lists an "assessed value." This assessed value is used to calculate your total property tax, based on the Town's "mill rate."

Your property's assessed value is not the same as its

fair market value. However, the ratio of your assessed value to your estimated fair market value should be similar across all Town of Trenton properties.

Questions about your property's assessed value should be directed to Grota Appraisals, the Town Assessor, at 262.253.1142. You may also attend "Open Book"

which occurs each year in the spring. During Open Book, the Town of Trenton's completed assessment roll is open for examination. The 2017 date for Open Book is April 18, from 1:00 to 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

If you disagree with your assessment, you may appeal it at the local Board of Review Meeting (May 24, 2017 from

**Open Book  
 April 18, 1:00-6:00 PM  
 Board of Review  
 May 24, 5:00-7:00 PM**

5:00-7:00 PM). You must contact the clerk to set up an appointment to be heard by the Board of Review. The clerk will also share the forms and guides to help you prepare for the appeal process.

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Town Hall Yard Hours—Second Saturday, 8:00AM—Noon  
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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