

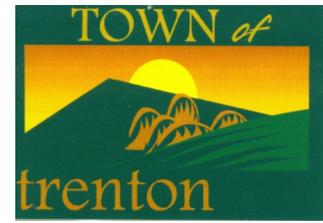
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PUBLIC WORKS, TOWN ROADS

From the Desk of Joe Gonnering

Personnel

The Town warmly welcomes **Adam Jahn** to the Department of Public Works!

Good-Bye to an Old Friend

A 1967 Oshkosh snowplow was purchased by the Town of Trenton over 40 years ago. This beloved piece of equipment was sold in January, because it was not being used. Our new snowplows all have wings and can do the same job. I personally will miss seeing it in our Town garage. I always loved to see and hear it, as our DPW would start it at least four times a year, to make sure it was still in good shape if needed. The decision to sell it was difficult but looking back at our cost of maintenance and the amount of use, it made economic sense.



Winter Season

The 2018-2019 winter season saw record snowfall amounts. The Town has over 200 tons of salt on hand for next season. The snow melting and icing that has been experienced in years past was minimal this season.

The Town expresses gratitude to everyone who followed our ordinances and refrained from putting snow in the roads. As spring approaches, we ask residents to keep the culverts at the end of their driveways free of ice, snow and debris. This allows water to pass through unencumbered, which assists in proper draining.

Worker Safety

When you see "Road Work" "Work Ahead," and "Road Closed" signs, please be aware that people are working to make your travel better. Recently I experienced firsthand a large truck failing to slow down for the Trenton employees working on the roadside. The signs are meant to keep everyone safe. They do NOT mean that drivers should proceed quickly past the work area.

Our goal is to keep roads open if possible while work is being done, to minimize any inconvenience. We encourage residents to take an alternate route if possible during these times. Road work will proceed more quickly if the workers have less traffic passing through.

Summer DPW Activity

As in the past few years, the Department of Public Works will be cutting trees in 2019. Some areas will require road closures for safety, due to the size of the trees. Additionally, quite a lot of ditch work will be performed. The ditches will be dug out and reconstructed, to accommodate better water flow which will encourage better travel and longer-lasting roads. Please be thoughtful to the people working and SLOW DOWN, so that everyone has a safe summer.

Road work has begun in the Town already. Paradise Drive from Hwy M to South Church will be resurfaced. Also, the ditches in that area will be rebuilt. Culverts across South Church and Newark Drive will be replaced,

as well as six smaller culverts in other areas. Expect traffic delays and/or road closures in any and all culvert replacement areas.

Thank you in advance to everyone who will be affected by the summer roadwork. The ditch work will greatly improve the affected properties.

Glenway Court is also scheduled to be rebuilt this year. No additional road construction will be affordable in 2019. Although many roads need help, the Town Board would prefer not to borrow money, because of the cost of borrowing.

Culverts

Town of Trenton ordinances require every driveway to have a culvert, for numerous reasons. Culverts ensure that water drains properly and does not go onto the road. In addition, local farmers must be able to pump manure through pipes under, rather than over, the driveways.

The homeowner is responsible for ensuring that a culvert is in good working order, and free of blockages. Replacement of the driveway culvert may be necessary, in which case a permit is required. Review Town ordinances to view specifications on driveway culverts.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Joseph Gabrish

Snowy Cold Winter

We were there with you during the record breaking cold, the ice storms and the snow storms. I am happy to report we had very few vehicles in ditches and it was rare to hear of any problems with cars on the roads during the snowplowing. We thank you for that! Looking forward to a long warm summer season!

New Squad Car

Like all things mechanical our squad car was replaced in March. It won't look any different than the last one

because we ordered the same make and model. For safety the vehicle will have a brighter light bar replacing the one that was 13 years old. Our vendors are great to law enforcement and we save big money on replacement squads. We also sell the old squad which helps to off-set all costs. This vehicle will carry a fire suppression system and a new defibrillator replacing our original one purchased in 1998. We were among the first departments to carry such a device and we have saved lives!

Officer Safety

More officers die each year from traffic related

matters on duty than by all other means. When you see that a squad car is at the side of the road with traffic or other matters please slow down and move over. In our area this is possible because of the type of roadways and traffic volume.

School Bus Safety

Like with the traffic stops remember that school



buses have special right-of-way status on the roadways.

You will see the lights flash yellow indicating that a stop is coming and then the flashing red. You must stay back you may not pass and you must stop! I always tell people "WHEN IN DOUBT WAIT IT OUT!"

Burning

Remember that you may burn small bonfires and leaves but that you may not burn anything that is made from rubber or plastics etc. This includes but is not limited to carpet, rubber, plastic containers, and on and on.

Have a great Summer!

Chief JT Gabrish

PROPERTY TAXES

Are you aware that the Property Tax Instruction sheet that accompanies your Property Tax bill has really useful information in it? Are you also aware that the majority of Town residents confess to **NOT READING IT?** You know who you are! We do hope that rather than simply tossing all that paperwork, you turned over the letter to



see the 2019 COLOR Trash and Recycling Collection Calendar.

Here are a few reminders, some of which are new procedures:

- Payment receipts will be printed for in-person property tax collection during listed hours
- Receipts will be printed and mailed only if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is provided
- After January 31, tax payments **must** be paid at

the County Treasurer's office, not at the Town of Trenton

- The deadline for dog license registration/renewal is April 1
- Online access to property records is available via the Property Taxes page on our website, www.townoftrenton.info.

To read the letter that you missed, visit our website's Property Tax Collection page. Or look at the other side of your color Trash Collection Calendar that you surely saved!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

As most of you know the Newburg firemen's Park sustained major damage from the ice dams and flooding. At this time cost estimates appear to be in the area of \$100,000 or more. Donations to help offset the cost are greatly appreciated. Feel free to call me 262-388-1314 with any questions. Thanks in advance.

Our annual Fireman's Picnic will be May 31—June 2 with the parade starting at 12:00 noon on Sunday. If you are interested in getting a team together for duck pin bowling or bag tournament on



Saturday please check our webpage at newburgfirerescue.com for more information.

Sincerely,
Mark Chesak, Chief
Newburg Fire Department

ELECTION NEWS

My Vote Wisconsin

Visit www.myvote.wi.gov for all things Elections, including voter registration/address change, absentee ballot requests, and upcoming elections, among other things.

Curbside Voting

If physical limitations make it difficult for you to enter

the polling location, Absentee Voting by mail is a great option. You can also vote curbside at the polling place. Two Election Inspectors will bring your ballot to you and conduct voting at your vehicle or at the polling place entrance. If you vote curbside, you are not required to sign the poll list; the Election Inspectors will write



"exempt by order of inspectors" in the signature space on the poll list.

You may also register to vote curbside with a current and valid Proof of Residence document.

Curbside voting is also available during the in-person absentee voting period. If you would like to vote curbside, please contact Clerk Cindy Komro at 262.675.6009.

WASTE DISPOSAL

Clean Sweep—NEW!

There will be NO County collection for household appliances, electronic waste, and tires. Hazardous

Waste can be taken on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 am—6:00 pm to

VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**W124N9451 Boundary Rd
Menomonee Falls**

Registration and a \$20 fee is required per visit. Additional information and registration forms are available on our website's Recycling Page, www.townoftrenton.info.

Medications Disposal is available on "Drug Take Back Day" April 27 from 8:00 am—noon at the Washington County Highway Facility, 900 Lang Street, West Bend. Medicine Drop Boxes are also located at various Police Departments during the year.

Trenton E-Waste Event

The Town of Trenton's Electronic Waste Event is on Saturday, September 7 from 8:00 AM—noon.

Items accepted at this event include computers, printers, video display devices, computer peripherals

**Town of Trenton
Annual Electronic Waste Disposal Event
Saturday, September 7, 2019
8:00 AM—Noon
Advanced Disposal Transfer Station
803 River Road**

(keyboards, mice, hard drives, modems), fax machines, DVD players, VCRs, DVRs, cell phones. NO household appliances or hazardous waste will be collected. **Be prepared to prove Town of Trenton residency.**

Collection Facts

Advanced Disposal provides the Town with curbside trash and recycling collection. Certain white or gray trucks used for collection have "split" receptacles and can accommodate both trash and recycling. Green trucks are exclusively used for either trash or recycling.

Recycling Plastic

Recycling plastic is important. Used plastics are versatile and adaptable. The large market for recycled plastic bottles and containers helps keep that valuable material out of landfills and reduces energy use and emis-

sions.

Knowing what types of plastic can be recycled can be confusing. Plastic containers for beverage-

es, foods, and household cleaners, bottles for shampoo, body wash, and other toiletries, plus caps and lids, are all recyclable.

For lotion bottles and other toiletry items, empty the contents, rinse, and discard the pump (if any). For no-pump containers, re-screw the cap to keep it all together, and recycle. Once collected, mixed plastics are sorted, baled, and sent to a reclaiming facility, where they are cleaned, washed, and ground into flakes, then dried, melted, filtered, and formed into pellets. These are sent to a manufacturer to be heated and remolded into a new product.

Depending on the kind of plastic, recycling might give a product new life as fiber for clothing, carpeting, or car parts. Or it could become a cutting board, a durable outdoor deck, plastic lumber, playground equipment, or

even a recycling bin.

Plastic bags and flexible wraps, also known as "film," are part of a category which includes retail bags, dry cleaning bags, bread bags, shipping pillows, sealable or "zippered" plastic food bags, flexible plastic wraps on paper towels, cases of soda, and more. Recycling these plastics reduces litter, lessens the amount of waste going to landfills, and gives a valuable resource a second life.

Plastic bags and film cannot be collected at the curb. Return them to labeled receptacles, available at grocery and retail outlets. Do not include food or cling wrap, prepared food bags, biodegradable bags, or film that has been painted or has excessive glue.

Collected plastic bags and film are baled and sent to recycling centers, where they are cleaned, processed, and turned into flakes and pellets. The pellets are used to make new plastic shopping bags, durable outdoor fences, decks, shopping carts, and home building products.



LISTENING SESSION

Representative Rob Brooks will hold a Budget Listening Session at the Trenton Town Hall on Thursday, April 25, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. He looks forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts on Governor Tony Evers' 2019-2021 fiscal year budget. For more information, please contact Representative Brooks' office at 608.267.2370 or Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov

**Budget Listening Session
Thursday, April 25
6:00-7:00 PM**

ANIMALS

The keeping of animals in the Town of Trenton is regulated, including number and types of animals allowed, animals running at large, among other things.

You may be surprised to learn that Subsection E of Town Ordinance §158-7 (Restrictions on keeping of animals) discusses the accumulation of animal waste products (defecation). It is unlawful in the Town of Trenton for any person to



allow his or her animal to poop on a neighbor's property without removing it within a reasonable time, which will vary upon circumstance. The best option is to carry bags when walking your dog, so you can clean up their mess immediately. Horse manure must be cleaned up as well, within a reasonable time.

You may believe that because the Town of Trenton is largely rural-residential, that cleaning up

after your dog is not necessary. However, imagine walking along the road, stepping off the road to avoid an oncoming car right into a pile of dog poop that someone neglected to remove. Also, assuming that your neighbor's empty field is really a toilet for your animal is not very respectful. If your pet leaves a mess on property **not your own**, pick it up!

Be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your animal.



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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
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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