

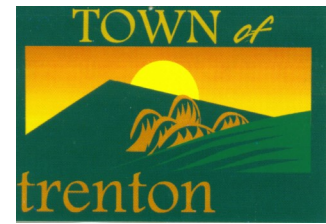
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TRASH & RECYCLING

From the Desk of Joe Gonnering

Merger

Waste Management acquired Advanced Disposal late last year. Waste Management is the new provider of our curbside trash and recycling services.

Curbside Collection Reminders

Curbside collection at the Town of Trenton is available for all Town residents, and takes place on Thursday or Friday of each week, depending on your location. The annual collection calendar is always included in your property tax bill, and is available on our website or by calling the Town Hall.

Please be mindful of the manner of waste disposal. Trash should be secured in bags. Throwing small items loosely in the trash cart increases the risk of debris littering the Town roads when the carts are tipped into the trucks. However, RECYCLING should NOT be placed in plastic bags. Instead, flattening cardboard and plastic items is advised to minimize flying recycling items. Placing paper recyclables in PAPER bags is acceptable.

The former Advanced Disposal Transfer Station on River Road is now owned by GFL, and is no longer available for Town of Trenton residents to use for items that cannot be left for curbside collection. Non-Hazardous waste such as tires, yard waste and construction debris can be taken to the Waste Management Orchard Ridge Facility at W124 N9355 Boundary Road, Menomonee Falls. Non-Please visit wm.com for additional details.

Electronic Waste Event

The Town's annual electronic waste event will be at the **Town Hall Yard, 1071 Hwy 33**. This year's event will take place on Saturday, September 11 from 8:00 am-noon.



Recycle Right

While recycling is the first step in the process, it's important to put materials in the cart or bin that actually belong there. Most importantly, we need your help to reduce the contamination of clean recycling materials by separating those with organic material on them. Know before you throw!

Acceptable Items (CLEAN):

- ✓ Plastic Bottles & Containers
- ✓ Food & Beverage Cans
- ✓ Food & Beverage Cartons
- ✓ Glass Bottles & Containers
- ✓ Flattened Cardboard/Paperboard
- ✓ Paper



Common Recycling Mistakes

The following list includes mistake items that often show up in recycling carts and bins, but they CAN-

NOT BE RECYCLED AT THE CURBSIDE PICKUP. Please don't toss them in with your recycling. These items can damage the recycling equipment and cause safety hazards.

Unacceptable Items:

- ⊗ NO Food Waste or Other Organic Material (Compost Instead)
- ⊗ NO Plastic Bags, Film/Sheeting & Flexible Film Packaging
- ⊗ NO Bagged Recyclables
- ⊗ NO Needles
- ⊗ NO Tanglers, Holiday Lights, Hangers & Extension Cords
- ⊗ NO Batteries
- ⊗ NO Electronics, Small Appliances
- ⊗ NO Textiles, Bedding, Rugs & Carpet
- ⊗ NO Paper Napkins, Plates, Cups & Tissues
- ⊗ NO Polystyrene Foam
- ⊗ NO Tires, Auto Parts & Scrap Metal
- ⊗ NO Concrete, Wood & Construction Debris
- ⊗ NO Yard Waste & Wood
- ⊗ NO Non-Recyclable Plastic

Additional resources for residents are available on the Town's website, www.townoftrenton.info.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Police Chief Steven Swiertz

Greetings,

I hope this message finds everybody well and in good spirits.

Personnel

Just as we eagerly welcome spring, the Trenton Police Department enthusiastically welcomes two new Police Officers. Officer Troy Heaney joins the Trenton Police Department with experience from the Germantown Police Department, and Officer Doug Cook comes to us with experience from the Mequon Police Dept. Both officers are in the midst of their field training and will be hitting the road as solo officers any day now. Both are welcome additions and will honorably serve the citizens of the Trenton Township.

Pedestrian Safety



As the weather warms, people are itching to get out and stretch their legs. Drivers should be cautious of walkers, joggers and cyclists. Give

them ample space and share the road. Keep a keen eye out for those operating motorcycles: be alert and look twice. On rural roads with no sidewalks, and narrow or nonexistent shoulders, pedestrians should walk or jog AGAINST traffic, and keep their eyes on the road, rather than on their mobile phones. In addition, use of high-visibility safety apparel is advised.

Burning Brush

Please be mindful when burning brush. Keep a sharp eye on the weather conditions. Right now, most of Wisconsin (including Washington County), is in an elevated forest/brush fire danger zone. If you do plan to burn, contact the Washington County Sheriff's non-emergency number (262-335-4378) and check with the Newburg Fire Department (262-675-6262) to make sure there is no burn ban in place. Make a burn plan and keep a readily available supply of water on hand. If the fire does get out of control, call 911 immediately. Refrain from burning anything that may release noxious or potentially harmful smoke.

Items such as tires, plastic products, building debris, foam, etc. must be disposed of properly, not via fire.

ATV/UTV Use

We routinely receive questions about ATV/UTV (All Terrain Vehicle and Utility Vehicle) road routes. There are no legal road routes for ATV/UTVs within the Trenton Township. ATV/UTVs can be legally operated on your own private property or the property of others with their consent. ATV/UTVs can be legally operated on the roadways for lawful agricultural purposes. Lawful agricultural purpose is defined as a purpose related to the transportation of farm implements, equipment, supplies or products on a farm or between farms. Operation between a dwelling and a



farm or piece of non-agricultural property does not meet this definition unless the dwelling is on the same piece of property as the farm. For a complete list of rules and regulations related to ATV/UTV operation please visit the Wisconsin DNR website and search "ATV regulations".

Thanks!

The Trenton Township Police Department would like to thank the residents of the Trenton Township for their continued support. We wish all of you good health and a safe and happy spring and summer.

Please feel free to contact us at 262-689-0661 or at townoftrentonpd@aol.com with questions, comments or concerns.

With regards,
Trenton Township
Police Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hope everyone had a great winter and is staying safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.

As a reminder, all property owners must maintain their driveway as per town ordinance 174-19(9) Brush Clearance. All brush, trees, shrubs and vegetation of any kind should be cleared and cut back a minimum of six feet from each side of the center line of the driveway, a minimum of 12 feet above the driveway and for the entire length of the driveway, including the access point with the Town roadway. If we are dispatched for an emergency call at your property and our vehicles are damaged due to low hanging tree branches or other vegetation, the owner

will be liable for all damages. Ideally, the fire department would like to see a height of 14 feet clearance due to the fact that our vehicles are just less than 12 feet.

We are also still looking for EMTs to join the Newburg Fire Department. If this is something you or maybe someone you know would be interested in, please have them contact me or come down to the station any Monday night after 6:15 pm. All schooling is paid for by the Newburg Fire Department.

Stay safe and have a great spring.

Sincerely,
Mark Chesak, Chief
Newburg Fire Department



SIGN PERMITS

State Statutes and Town Ordinances govern the permitted uses of yard signs.

The following signs are allowed without a permit:

- ✓ Real Estate "For Sale" signs not exceeding eight square feet in size
- ✓ Small signs (not exceeding two square feet in size) advertising a permitted home-based business
- ✓ Yard Sale signs not exceeding two square feet



in size for a specific time frame

- ✓ Election campaign signs can be posted no earlier than the first day of the election campaign period (defined by Wis Stats §12.04), and must be removed within four days following the election.

Most other types of signs require a permit. Questions can be directed to a Town Board Member or Zoning Administrator Barb Davies.

Trash & Recycling

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Resident Concerns

The Town of Trenton has established a Trash & Recycling Hotline at the Town, dedicated to receive resident calls regarding your trash & recycling concerns:

Occasionally, Waste Man-

or email.

Your trash and recycling carts are meant to withstand regular use, including rolling out to the curb, and being lifted for disposal into the truck. However, they can suffer damage at times. Cracked lids, missing wheels, and compromised carts should be reported as soon

Trash & Recycling Hotline
262.675.6009 x 102
recycling@townoftrenton.info

agement experiences delays in weekly collection. Cold weather and truck issues are among the culprits. When delays are expected, we will do our best to put a message on the Trash & Recycling Hotline phone extension, as well as a notice on the Town website's Bulletin Board. Please leave your carts at the curb for Waste Management to collect. Report any other issues at the Hotline number

as you are aware of the problem. Please contact the Town of Trenton Trash & Recycling Hotline. Include your name, address, phone number and the issue with your cart (also specify trash or recycling cart). The broken cart should remain near the road until it is repaired or replaced.



STRAY CATS

Surrender Fees

Beginning January 1, 2021 Town of Trenton residents surrendering a cat or kitten at the Washington County Humane Society (WCHS) will be required to pay a fee of \$38 per feline to cover part of the costs WCHS will incur in preparing the animal for adoption. Note that this fee is subject to change without notice.

In prior years the Town had a cat contract with WCHS, reimbursing WCHS each year based on the number of cats & kittens surrendered by Town residents. The Humane Society has provided the Town with a list of the addresses associated with the feline surrenders,

including the number of cats and kittens surrendered from each of those addresses. The Town Board noted that nearly half the cats and kittens surrendered came from just three addresses in the Town. There are many Town budgetary pressures each year, and the Board felt that it could not justify continuing the cat contract with WCHS in 2021.

Some facts about the Washington County Humane Society:

- ◆ It receives **no** State funding
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- ◆ It **does** receive a portion of the dog license fees collected by each municipality, obligating it to accept surrendered and stray dogs.
- ◆ Municipalities can enter

PROPERTY REVALUATION “open” for public inspection so residents may

A complete property assessment revaluation was performed for 2021 by Grota Appraisals, the Town Assessor. All Town residents were recently sent their 2021 assessment. Additional information regarding the revaluation was included. These documents are also available on the Assessor page of the Town's website.

Questions regarding the revaluation should be directed to Grota Appraisals during “Open Book,” the period of time where the completed assessment roll is

compare their assessed value with that of other properties.

The Board of Review is held for residents who feel their assessment doesn't reflect the actual market value of their property. Evidence must be presented in support of the objection. To appear before the Board of Review, taxpayers must provide written or oral notice of the intent to file an objection. Specific instructions for filing an objection are available on the Town's website or by contacting Clerk Cindy Komro.

Town of Trenton OPEN BOOK via phone or email ONLY:

- ◆ Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 10:00am-4:00pm
 - ◆ Thursday, April 15, 2021, noon-6:00pm
- ⇒262.253.1142, ray@wi-assessor.com, eric@wi-assessor.com

Town of Trenton BOARD OF REVIEW:

- ◆ Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 5:00-7:00pm

into cat contracts with WCHS but are not required to do so.

- ◆ WCHS is not obligated to accept or pick up stray cats or kittens from any municipality unless it has a cat contract with that municipality.

The Humane Society's operating funds come from donations, fundraisers, its share of the dog license fees, cat contracts with municipalities and adoption fees.

Marnie Brown, Executive Director of WCHS, estimates that it costs about \$76 to prepare a cat or kitten for adoption. Felines are tested for feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), spayed or neutered, and receive vaccinations. Cats and kittens available for

adoption are then posted to the WCHS website, www.wchspets.org.

Thinking about adding a cat to your household? Cats three years of age and older are free at WCHS. These cats are spayed or neutered and will be up-to-date on shots.

The WCHS “Barn Buddies” program is very popular with owners of outdoor cats. It offers a low cost spay/neuter, distemper, and rabies vaccines for barn cats. The program is offered once a month. Contact WCHS at 262-677-4388 for more information.



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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 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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