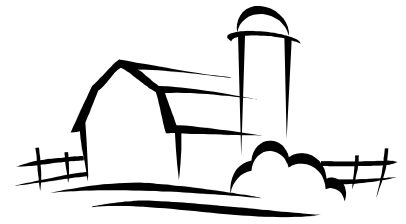


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THE TOWN'S ROLE AS TAX COLLECTOR

By John Norman, Editor

A Little over two years ago we wrote an article for the "TOWN CRIER" describing the minimal percentage of Property Taxes actually received by the Town, hoping this would give residents a better understanding of the small amount of funds the Town has for supplying essential services. Even after the article was printed I was surprised that during the casual discussions with neighbors and other residents, there were comments concerning the cost of property taxes to the home owners. I then realized many people disassociate the other entities that are funded by your property taxes. **In other words, the Town acts as tax collector for other taxing units of government and the public school systems.**

A survey of any group of residents would have them estimate the Town's portion of the taxes received to be at least in the 50% range if it not more. So it's prudent to inform the Town's residents every few years of the breakdown of the property tax distribution. At the last review the larger percentage of taxes

was for the West Bend School System at 52%, followed by the County at 24%, the Town at 13%, Moraine Park Technical School System at 10% and finally the State's amount at 1%. All these are required expenses in order to provide for the educational needs of our children and for the cost of County and State services. So let me reiterate, the costs of the Town's services supplied to the residents as you can see are but a small portion of the total tax bill. Unfortunately, the individual costs of the other taxing units many times are overlooked when folks receive their annual tax statement and focus on the Town as the major recipient. Our Treasurer, Monica Diaz, has again supplied a chart of the breakdown provided below.

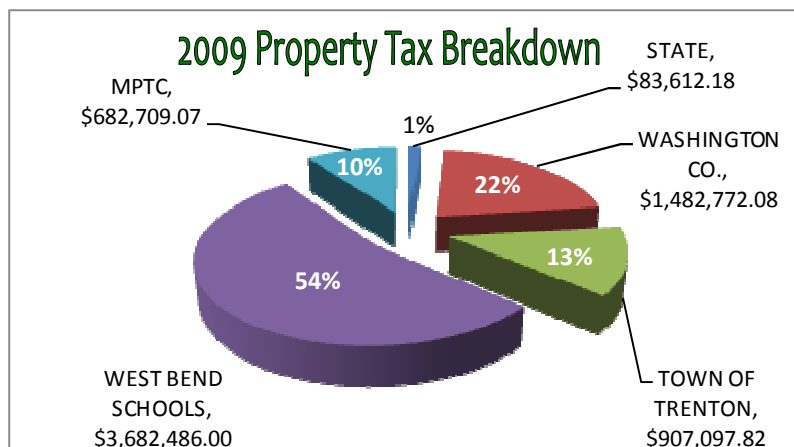
Remember, the Town's share of your taxes

provide the following services: Town road repair and maintenance, snow removal, fire and police protection, cutting and trimming along the right-of-way and the Town's lawn and sports park, purchase and repair of equipment, trucks and other vehicles, salaries of Town employees, funds for attorney fees and a number of other costs. All this with our Town still listed near the bottom of tax rates for municipalities within the County.

With the reduction of home values due to the recession, many people wonder why the lower values aren't reflected in their taxes. The simplest explanation is the costs of municipal operations remain. The Town has no choice and must charge the levies set by the other taxing entities. Your evaluation cost could be reduced, but the mill rate would then be increased to provide the required funds. To correct

another misconception, the Town does not set the evaluation of homes and property. That responsibility is made by professional appraisers. Any concerns should be addressed to Grota Appraisals and not the Town. A provision is provided for property owners to challenge their taxes each year. Ample notice is given as to the dates and locations for a property tax review.

We home owners in Trenton are fortunate that our frugal Town government, including members of the Plan Commission, Town Board and other officials, work diligently to provide an affordable location to raise our families and enjoy the rural living in a low taxed Town like Trenton!



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Joseph Gabrish

Trenton Sergeant Officer Michael McNerney receives local & state award for Police Officer of the Year

Police Sergeant Michael McNerney recently attended the American Legion Post 355's monthly meeting. As a police officer, war veteran, and member of the American Legion, he assumed he was receiving the local Legion post's officer of the year award. Later during the meeting Officer

McNerney learned that he was also being awarded the Wisconsin American Legion's Edward J. Ormsby Award for the police officer of the year for the State of Wisconsin. He was chosen from among 12 American Legion districts and five other police officers who were nominated.

Sergeant Michael McNerney began working for the Trenton Police Department in 2001 and is a certified firearms instructor, who trains other officers on using handguns and the AR-16 patrol rifle, and how to respond in an active

shooter situation. Officer Michael McNerney is a full time Police officer for the Cedarburg Police Department. He is a member of the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department SWAT team and one of a handful of trained snipers who can be called in at any time when the situation warrants.

Officer McNerney's dedication to serving and protecting is not limited to Trenton, Cedarburg or the county. He is also a U.S. Army veteran whose deployments have included

jungle warfare school and an exchange program in England where he served with the 3rd Para Division. He was honorably discharged in 1997 but later served as an infantryman with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division. He was on the inactive roster in 2005 when he was called back to active duty in Iraq. He spent his time in Mosul, the second largest city in Iraq, where he was part of a four-man intelligence team.

We congratulate Mike on his award!



Fall Election Dates:

- ✓ Partisan Primary—September 14
- ✓ General Election—November 2

Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

FIRE NUMBERS

Although street numbers may not seem to be that important, they can be critical in the event of a fire, sudden illness or other emergency. Think of the following perspective on the visibility of house numbers: **Can your address be seen from the street while**

sitting in a vehicle in the middle of the night? After all, that's how an emergency vehicle approaching a residence may be looking at it.

It is not sufficient to simply have your address number posted on the face of your house. The Town Code requires residents to post a "fire number" near the roadway, as reprinted below.



§174.15 Posting of address numbers

- Required posting of address numbers. Each owner of a property for which a building permit has been issued shall be assigned an address number (also known as "fire number") for the property. The numbers shall be supplied by the Town of Trenton at the time of issuance of a building permit. It shall be the property owner's duty to display and maintain said numbers after the issuance of an occupancy permit for the premises.
- Requirements for display of numbers. The numbers described in Subsection A above shall be displayed so that they are clearly visible from the street or highway. The numbers shall be mounted on a post located on the right side of the driveway not more than 10 feet from the road right-of-way.
- Failure to display numbers. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove such designated numbers once an occupancy permit has been granted (except for repair or replacement of the same).
- Penalty. Any person who fails to display an address number in conformance with this section shall receive a written notice of violation pursuant to § 174-22B(2). If the violation is not corrected within the prescribed time, the violator shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in Chapter 1, § 1-5 of this Code.

TAKE A WALK ON THE SAFE SIDE

The Town of Trenton is a wonderful, rural-residential place to live. Taking a walk is one of the many ways to enjoy the beauty in the Town. Being in a rural area means pedestrians have no sidewalks to use, and must therefore walk on the road, shared with traffic and bicyclists. Remember that for a pedestrian, it is safest to walk or run AGAINST traffic. The reasoning is simple: using

both your senses of sight and hearing, you will be alert and can react to oncoming traffic. Don't assume a vehicle will see you and yield to you, even if you have the right-of-way.

Another safety tip: wear reflective clothing if walking at dusk or in the dark, so that you are more visible.



COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP: OCTOBER 16



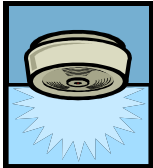
For more information, visit: www.co.washington.wi.us/cleansweep

NEWBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Dave Geidel

Thank you to all the Town residents who attended our annual picnic and parade. This is a great way to help support your local volunteer fire department.

Fire prevention week is in October. Things to do: check your smoke detectors. Change the batteries and clean or blow



out the site window. If they fill with dust or are not clean they may not work properly.

Carbon monoxide detectors seem to be more sensitive and have more problems than smoke detectors. Keep them charged and read the directions carefully to understand how they work.

I hope you have a good fall and a safe Holiday season.

TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP

Many Town residents experienced confusion regarding trash and recycling pickup during the week of July 4 this year. The information contained on the Town's phone system and website specified that Federal Holidays MAY affect trash pickup. In 2010, Veolia did not recognize Monday, July 5 (the Federal Holiday) for trash and recycling pickup.

Veolia's 2011 trash schedule for the Town of

Trenton is available at www.townoftrenton.info. According to this schedule, the following holidays will affect trash pickup in 2011:

- ✓ Memorial Day
- ✓ Independence Day
- ✓ Labor Day

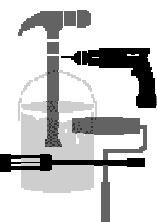
To be safe, put your trash out at the curb on your regular trash day, if you are at all concerned. Another option is to call Veolia the week before the Holiday, to confirm the schedule.

WHEN IN DOUBT, PUT IT OUT!



NEW LEAD PAINT AND ASBESTOS RULES

Beginning in April, 2010, renovations in pre-1978 properties (day cares, kindergartens and residential) need to be conducted by a certified lead firm. In addition, one person per crew will need to complete a one-day class in lead-safe work practices and become a certified Lead Renovator.



The entire crew will need to work in a lead-safe manner, including using a HEPA vacuum to collect dust.

These requirements apply whenever more than six square feet of a painted or varnished surface are being disturbed. After the renovation work is complete, the Certified Lead Renovator will need to conduct a cleaning verification to document that the lead dust has been cleaned up.

BUILDING INSPECTOR FRANK MAYER RETIRES

Trenton's long serving Building Inspector Frank Mayer is retiring after 23 years of service to the Town. Effective July 1, 2010, Walter Grotelueschen, who has been working with and trained by Frank since 2002, assumed complete responsibility for the office of Building Inspector which includes the issuing of building permits as well as inspection of construction within the Township. Walter has 30 years of construction experience as well as being Building Inspector for a number of other municipalities within Washington County. He is also serving as Assistant Fire Chief for the Village of Newburg with

20 years in its Fire Department.

In addition to his office as Building Inspector, Frank also serves as the Town's Zoning Administrator, an office from which he will also retire early next year. That position will be filled as well, when Frank steps down from zoning responsibilities for Trenton Township.

I am sure we all wish Frank a joyful, fulfilling retirement after his many years of service to our Town and much success to Walter as he steps into full responsibility as Trenton's Building Inspector.



FLYING THE FLAG

Although it is permitted to fly the American Flag any and every day of the year, it is recommended to fly the flag on certain holidays and special occasions. Any holiday that is important to our country can be represented by the flag.

For a stationary flag displayed on a building, pole or staff, it is customary to fly it from sunrise to sunset. You are only permitted to

display your flag at night if it is properly illuminated. This means that you must have a light dedicated to "spotlighting" your flag. A street light or well lit area will not provide enough light. With the right lighting, you can fly your flag 24 hours a day for as many days as you like.

For more information, visit www.usflag.org



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

On the second Saturday of each month, from 8:00 AM to noon, Town residents can bring certain waste items to the Town Hall Yard for disposal. These items include ONLY the following:

- ✓ Brush
- ✓ Waste Oil
- ✓ Batteries
- ✓ Metal Goods

It is important to note that **LAWN CLIPPINGS DO NOT FALL INTO ANY OF THE LISTED CATEGORIES.** Residents must dispose of lawn clippings by some other means. Use them for mulch, compost them, take them to Veolia. Please do not bring them to the Town Hall.



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Town Hall Phone.....262-675-6009	Town Hall Yard Hours.....Second Saturday of each month
Town Clerk Hours, Barbara Davies.....Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	8:00 AM to Noon
Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Hours,	Accepting Only: Brush, Waste Oil, Batteries, Metal Goods
Frank Mayer.....Monday 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM	<i>Other large items, including building materials can be taken to Veolia</i>
Thursday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM	<i>on North River Road in West Bend. There is a \$30.00 minimum</i>
Friday 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	<i>disposal charge, the charge is based on the weight of the items</i>
Police Department Non-Emergency Voice Mail Number.....689-0661	<i>dumped. Veolia is now able to accept building materials such as</i>
EMERGENCY.....911	<i>lumber and drywall.</i>

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