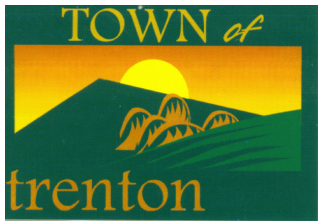


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IS TRENTON AT A CROSSROAD?

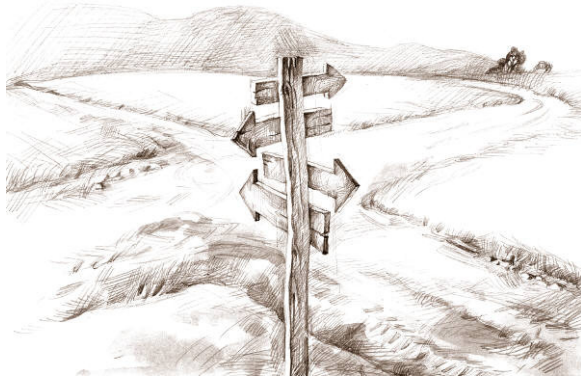
By John Norman, Editor

On a number of occasions in recent years the Town has had various questionnaires circulated to determine the residents' thoughts and desires as to the future development of Trenton. By far the results indicate the majority of residents wish our Town to remain as rural as possible with controlled, well-planned development. These desires are tempered with the knowledge that as our farming landowners' age and without family members that wish to carry on the farming tradition, more land will be converted to development for home sites. If you compare the reduction in working farms over the past twenty-five years it is easy to see why there was a proliferation of land divisions and the building of new homes. Few working farms would remain intact. Not all had homes built immediately, yet a large percentage of the property was sold for future development. For many of the farmers the sale of their land was essential as they approached retirement age and this land sale would fund their "golden years." Many times surrounding neighbors had to adjust to the dramatic changes with this development now altering the open, scenic landscape they once enjoyed.

Back thirty or more years ago, land values were relatively low and many times available to those interested homeowners who wished to purchase abutting properties if they wanted to have more open space, or maintain their rural surroundings. As said, today this is difficult to accomplish as a great deal of the Town's land has been sold and

divided into building parcels for future development, or property still remaining in agriculture. Then of course Trenton had a massive increase in land values during the late 90s and during the past decade. The result is that many families that have enjoyed the scenic, rural landscape around their homes have now become concerned when surrounding building lots were suddenly developed with new homes being built. It can be a period of adjustment for these folks when now their quality of life changes with the increase in noise, traffic and other complications of increased development. Yet this is a sample of the future.

Trenton is now at a crossroad. Yes, we still can drive around the Town and enjoy the woodlands, marshes and farmland, yet the reality is that much of this land has already been divided and awaits future development. This can be a surprise when suddenly residents are mailed a notice of a Public Hearing for a number of new building lots being created right across the road, or next to their home. If there is a pending change in zoning the neighbors can voice their opinions either for or against the zoning change and then rely on Town Government to make a reasonable decision based on the hearing and recommendations of the Plan Commission.



Trenton is a wonderful place to live even with increased development on the horizon. The problems of a poor economy have slowed our population increase for the foreseeable future, yet eventually it will rebound. So a word to the wise, don't wait, if you have a chance to buy a neighboring parcel of land and you can afford the purchase, buy it since as it has been said about land, "they're not making any more!!"

TOWN ATHLETICS

Thanks to everyone who made the Town of Trenton 2011 Athletics Programs a success! We look forward to the 2012 season.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Joseph Gabrish

Steven Miszewski

Officer Steven Miszewski has resigned from the Town of Trenton Police Department, as he was hired by the Wauwatosa Police Department August 1, 2011. He started with the Town of Trenton Police Department in September 2008. He was recognized for many achievements while he served our community. We wish Steve much success at his new job! Be safe!

Recycle Bins

Please try to put the heavy

materials on top and CRUSH the plastic milk jugs and secure the paper products. This will help from items blowing all over the area on those windy garbage pick-up days. Help keep the Town of Trenton neat and clean. This will also help save you from identity theft when papers and records blow around as well. If possible I also recommend that you shred all of your important papers.



Burning of Plastics/Rubber etc.

While some burning is allowed in the Town of Trenton (small camp fires,

leaves, etc.) it is a violation if you burn anything toxic such as plastics, roofing products or rubber. This is considered a NUISANCE and is a violation of Town of Trenton Ordinances.

Winter Parking

There is no parking allowed on any Town of Trenton Town road during ANY snow event. This is so that the Department of Public Works trucks can clear the snow away efficiently and effectively. The trucks are large and many of the roads are narrow. Your car will be ticketed if you leave it

unattended on the roadway and a DPW plow driver reports it.

Dog Licensing

All dogs must be licensed in the Town of Trenton. The deadline each year is April 1st. Late fees are applied after April 1st. If you have more than three dogs residing at one property, you must apply for a Kennel License. There are exceptions for puppy litters.

All Ordinances are available online at www.townoftrentonpolice.com.

—Chief JT Gabrish

CLEAN SWEEP 2011

On Saturday, October 15, 2011, Washington County residents can participate in the County's Clean Sweep program.



Some materials require PRE-REGISTRATION. In addition, there may be fees associated with your items for disposal.

Pre-registration is required for hazardous waste and electronic goods (certain chemicals and pesticides, for example), as well as electronic goods such as computer equipment. Used

tires will incur a fee, based on the size of the tire.

A comprehensive list is available at www.co.washington.wi.us/cleansweep.

Trenton Historical Fact:

In the late nineteenth century, a cheese factory was situated at the intersection of Trenton Road and Mapledale Drive.

ELECTION NEWS

Based on the 2010 Census, Washington County has made changes to the County Supervisory Districts, which required a change to the Town's Ward Plan. The new ward plan is available to view on our website under Elections.

Because Town residents do not vote in Wards, this change will very likely not be noticed on election day. However, your Ward number will in most cases be different than previously. In addition, the Town will be represented

by only two County Supervisors (previously, the Town had three County Supervisors). Therefore, your County Supervisor may change. Your state representatives should not change.

More information will be posted on our website as it becomes available.

We are always looking for pollworkers. If you are interested in working at the polls on election day, or helping out with pre-election tasks, please email Cindy Komro at clerk@townoftrenton.info or call 262-675-6009.

TOWN BULLETIN BOARDS

If you have access to the Internet, you can visit the Town's website, www.townoftrenton.info, to find Town official contact information, past Town Board minutes, and a lot of other information about the Town of Trenton.



If you do not have Internet access, you can find some of these notices on the Town bulletin boards. The Town has three bulletin boards for the public to view certain information. They are located at the Town Hall, at Walden Sup-

per Club on Wallace Lake Road, and Equipment Rentals on Decorah Road. All three bulletin boards have Town contact information,

as well as agendas for the upcoming Town Board and Plan Commission meetings, and other public notices. The bulletin

boards will have the agendas and other public notices. All bulletin boards have Town contact information. The Town Hall bulletin board has additional information, including the minutes from the most recent meetings.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Snow season will be upon us before we know it. The Town of Trenton Department of Public Works would like to explain how the snowplowing works. The drivers will first plow the MAIN roads, then the collectors, such as Paradise (roads that feed into the main roads) then followed by Arterial, such as Trenton and South Oak (roads that get you from one main road to another). Finally, the drivers will get to the secondary roads, and finish with subdivisions. This is important because the main roads must accommodate more traffic. So, the DPW thanks you for your patience as they work through to your particular road.

Depending on the timing of the snowstorm,

it's important to get the main roads plowed before morning traffic starts.

The snowplows will get as close to mailboxes as they can but ultimately Town residents are responsible for clearing snow from in front of and 15 feet to each side of their mailboxes.

Occasionally, mailboxes are knocked down during a storm. Most mailboxes are not hit by the snow plow, but instead are hit by the snow roll coming off the plow. Now is a good time to check your mailbox and post to make sure it is sturdy and secure.



If the Town snowplow knocks down a mailbox, the Public Works Department will put it back up as time permits. However, keep in mind that ultimately **it is the homeowner's responsibility to make sure a mailbox is in place and accessible to allow for mail delivery.**

In recent years, new systems have been invented to reduce the risk of your losing your mailbox to the snowplow.

- ✓ Push Me Mailstation (pushmemailstation.com)
- ✓ Return-to-Center Mailbox System (returntocentermailbox.com)
- ✓ MailSwing (mailswing.com)
- ✓ Tip Up Mailbox Kit (tipupmailboxkit.com)
- ✓ Alpha Mailbox Protector (alphamailpro.com)

As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please contact the Town at 675-6009.

TOWN PARKS

Our Town is home to four parks for use by area residents. Although located in the Town of Trenton, both Goeden Park and Sandy Knoll Park are under the jurisdiction of Washington County. The shelters available at these parks can be reserved through the County Planning & Parks Division.

The Town of Trenton has direct jurisdiction over Stockhausen Park on Beck Lane and the Town Athletic Fields behind the Town Hall.

Sometimes, the local parks are subject to vandalism and excess trash from misuse. The Police Department and Department of Public Works monitor the parks regularly. If you notice any issues in the parks, feel free to clean up the trash. Also, please notify the Town Hall when there is an issue that needs attending.

Thanks for helping keep our Town clean!

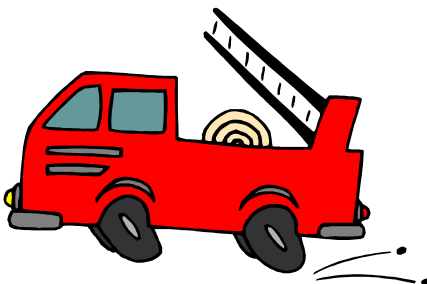
Quotable Quote: *Everything that can be counted does not necessarily count; everything that counts cannot necessarily be counted.*

—Albert Einstein

NEWBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

As we look to 2012, the Newburg Fire Department will be 125 years old. One of the reasons the quasqui (and a quarter) centennial (100 year) celebration is so special is that it provides the Newburg Fire Department a chance to give something back to the residents and businesses that have supported our firefighters over the 125 year history.

The 75 member department has formed a committee to plan several activities including an August 25th 2012 parade and festival highlighting the department's rich history. Members of the committee



are reaching out to area residents, businesses and organizations to help to collect and retell the fire department's story. Please call the Fire Department at 675-6262 with any tidbits of information, stories or pictures to share.

Obviously a lot has changed over 125 years, but our values and guiding principles have not. "We do not know where we are going unless we know where we have been." With that thought in mind I will attempt to write articles that

explain the history and many traditions of the fire and rescue service in future newsletters.

To commemorate the occasion, and to raise funds for the event, the NFD is offering a gun raffle. Tickets are \$20.00. Winning tickets will be reentered for all remaining prizes. The first drawing is September 19, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the fire station. There are 10 guns in total to raffle and four drawings: 9/19/11, 10/17/11, 11/14/11 and 12/17/11.

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Town Hall Hours

Monday, 7:30 AM—11:30 AM Clerk, Treasurer
Thursday, 3:00—5:00 PM Building Inspector
Friday, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Zoning Administrator
Or by appointment

Town Hall Yard Hours.....Second Saturday of each month
8:00 AM to Noon
Accepting Only: Brush, Waste Oil, Batteries, Metal Goods
Other large items, including building materials can be taken to Veolia on North River Road in West Bend. There is a \$30.00 minimum disposal charge, the charge is based on the weight of the items dumped. Veolia is now able to accept building materials such as lumber and drywall.

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