

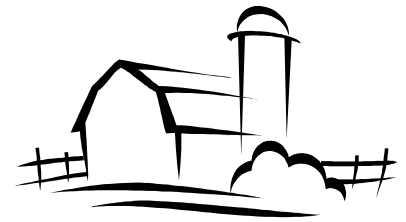
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ARE YOU PREPARED?

By John Norman, Editor

About fifteen years ago I wrote an article describing emergency materials that each family should have on hand in the event of a disaster. In recent months there have been a multitude of notifications and releases concerning emergency preparedness from Federal and State authorities in light of increased tensions and concerns. Today there is not only the possibility of natural disasters to be prepared for, but now man-made as well. In light of this renewed interest in preparedness, we have listed below the minimum items for your emergency supply kit as stated by State Emergency Management. A recent survey by the State is most alarming. Overall, 80% of respondents had not taken steps to prepare for an emergency, such as establishing a basic home disaster kit, developing a communication plan and setting up a family meeting place. In addition, 60 % of respondents could not locate the emergency broadcast channel on the radio. Even our Town can be subjected to a variety of possible disasters. We have nuclear power plants, a variety of severe weather phenomena for this area of the Country

and other disaster possibilities to give us good reason to prepare for any emergency. Remember, to be forewarned is to be forearmed.

When disaster strikes, immediate help may not be available. Every household should have an emergency kit with enough supplies for three days following a natural disaster or technological emergency, e.g. hazardous material spill, radiation event, cyber security, terrorist attack etc.

BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

- ✓ Water (3 gallons per person for drinking and sanitation)
- ✓ Food that does not require electricity for storage and preparation
- ✓ Manual can opener
- ✓ Battery powered NOAA Weather Radio and commercial radio hand cranked
- ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ✓ Sleeping bags or warm blankets for each person
- ✓ First aid and emergency medical reference manual
- ✓ Prescription medications and eyewear
- ✓ Mess kits, paper cups, plastic plates, utensils, paper towels, garbage bags
- ✓ Change of clothing, including long-sleeve shirts,



- ✓ pants, socks and shoes
- ✓ Cell phone and charger
- ✓ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ✓ Camp type portable stove and fuel
- ✓ Container for disposal of waste



ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER

ADDING TO KIT

- ✓ Infant formula and diapers
- ✓ Pet food and extra water for pets
- ✓ Important documents in a water proof portable container
- ✓ Cash or travelers checks
- ✓ Matches in waterproof container
- ✓ Female personal hygiene items
- ✓ Fire Extinguisher
- ✓ Chlorine bleach to treat water – 16 drops per gallon of water

Other items can be added of a personal nature as well as books and games for children.

Most importantly develop a family plan. Identify an **out-of-town contact** with each family member having the phone number. Many times it may be easier to make a long distance call than one across town. Additional detailed information is available at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>.

Be prepared to safeguard your family!!

Spring Election
Tuesday, April 6

ELECTION NEWS

Register early! The fall elections will be here before you know it. Note the following election dates:



- ✓ Spring Election—April 6
- ✓ Partisan Primary—September 14
- ✓ General Election—November 2

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

If you are interested in being a poll worker, please contact Barb Davies or Cindy Komro at 675-6009. Training is provided.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Joseph Gabrish



Town safe. Sgt Brock continues his career with the Grafton Police Department.

Thank you...

Police Officer Ryan Fitting left the department last Fall to have more time with his family. He was with the department for two and a half years. Officer Fitting continues his career with the Cedarburg Police Department.

Police Sgt Patrick Brock left the department in January after five and a half years of service. Sgt Brock started his Police Officer career with the Trenton Police Department and assisted the department with many technical issues and development. He often won awards for his activity and for keeping the

Welcome...

Police Sgt Michael Mc Nerney returned to the Trenton Police department after a year and a half. He continued during that time to be the department's training officer. Sgt Mc Nerney took the break after returning from Iraq to spend more time with his family. He is a full time Cedarburg Police Officer and a Member of the Ozaukee County SWAT (SRT) Team. He is a state certified police training officer in several areas including firearms.

Police Officer Christopher Janisch was hired in February; Officer Janisch has worked for the Greenfield Police department and for the Wisconsin State Capital Police at Wisconsin State Fair Park. He also served as a Police Reserve Officer for the Grafton Police Department. Officer Janisch will take over some of the technical issues for the department.

Passings...

It is with sadness that I announce that Police Officer David C Borgwordt lost his battle with cancer during the last week of February. Officer Borgwordt worked for the Trenton Police Department for nearly four years from 2002 to 2006 and resigned due to his ill-

ness. This was a long and difficult battle for him and his family that they took on in a courageous manner. He had also worked for the Milwaukee Police Department and the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Officer David C Borgwordt will be missed.

Summer's coming...

Some of our quality of life complaints in the Summer are barking dogs and loud noise from motorcycles and ATVs. **Please enjoy yourselves and be safe; always keeping in mind that your neighbors may also enjoy the peace and quiet here in the beautiful Town of Trenton.**

CLEAN SWEEP DATES:



- ✓ April 17
- ✓ June 19
- ✓ Aug 21
- ✓ Oct 16

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

TOWN ATHLETICS



Registration is beginning for the Town's Athletic Programs. Spring soccer begins in late April, followed by summer baseball and fall football. You can find the 2010 registration form on our website, www.townoftrenton.info, or at the Town Hall during normal business hours.

Because of the growth of the program, and to make sure any transition in leadership is smooth, the Town Board has recently voted to hire an Athletic Director to oversee the program.

In addition, the Town Athletic Association Board is looking for new members. Many of the Board members have served multiple terms, and will be stepping down within the next

year or so. Anyone who has been involved in the Town Athletic program will agree that this program must continue. Often, the parents who have children in the program are the ones that volunteer as Board members. But anyone with a passion for kids' sports programs is encouraged to get involved.



The Athletic Association Board has decided to discontinue offering concessions in 2010. The ongoing difficulty in finding adequate volunteers to staff the concession stand, as well as stocking and keeping track of inventory, made it a necessary decision. Team members will continue to provide snacks at each practice on a rotational basis. Everyone is encouraged to bring water, especially during the hot summer months.



DOG PARK

The "K9 Friends" and the City of West Bend are pleased to announce the opening of the City's first dog park early this summer. The West Bend Dog Park

will be located in beautiful Rolfs Park at the intersection of Vogt Drive and South 18th Avenue. Visit their website at www.westbenddogpark.com for information about the dog park rules, regulations, annual fees and donations.



COST REDUCTIONS

By Supervisor Ed Doerr

Your Town Board works year after year to control costs and put together fiscally responsible budgets. This year is no exception, although the challenges are greater than ever.

The work on the 2011 budget culminates with final approval almost nine months from now. Even so, in the meantime I would urge every citizen to contact me or other board members with any suggestions you may have on how to reduce

Town costs during these tough economic times. You may have ideas that come from your experiences at home or at your workplace - where we all make hard decisions on budgets every day - that you believe could be applied in the Town. Keep in mind small cuts in budget areas can add up to overall meaningful savings.



The Town Board makes cost savings a serious priority every year - if you have some great ideas for 2011, let us hear from you!

NEWBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Dave Geidel

It looks like we made it through another Wisconsin winter, and spring is on its way. With spring our attention is drawn outside and one of the chores is yard work. Along with yard work comes burning grass areas and brush piles. This year before you strike that match, look around and ask yourself if you have made the area around the burn safe so you can keep it contained. Last year we had a dry spring and because of that we spent a lot of time putting out grass fires. These fires can be very dangerous and can lead to the loss of buildings and property.



drive last year. It turned out to be a big success: we have 12 new members. They are all currently enrolled in fire fighter, or EMT school for our ambulance.

Our firemen's picnic this year is June 4, 5, 6th. We put a lot of time into keeping this running every year because it helps to keep the tax roll down, so please come to our picnic. Bring your family, enjoy yourselves, and help support your fire department.

Daylight savings time is approaching so remember to replace the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors. Electric contact terminals should be cleaned as well, permitting the units to function properly to insure your safety.



A thank you goes out to everyone who responded to our recruitment

Town Annual Meeting - Tues, April 13 @ 8:00 PM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Spring is in the air! With fresh weather, many people start spring cleaning. Remember to do some spring cleaning on the outside of your homes as well. Cleaning



up debris on the sides of the roads helps keep our Town beautiful!

DOG LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

By Treasurer Monica Diaz

All dogs five months and older must be licensed in Washington County per Wisconsin Statutes. In order to avoid paying a \$5 late fee, this license must be obtained by April 1. If you acquire a dog after April 1, 2010 you have 30 days from the date of purchase to obtain a license.

You can use the form that was included in your Property Tax bill, get one from our website, www.townoftrenton.info, pick one up from the Town Hall during normal business hours, or call 675-6009 to have one mailed to you. **You**



must have proof that your dog is currently immunized against

rabies. We need to report to the District Attorney's office all delinquent dogs; so it is also very important to indicate on the form if you no longer have your dog. There may be fines charged (approx. \$150) to the owner of a dog that is untagged, and found running at large.

Please contact Monica Diaz at 675-6009 with questions.

TAKE 10 AND HELP TRENTON GET WHAT IT NEEDS

In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses will receive a 2010 Census form by mail or hand delivery. The 2010 Census will document the changes in our nation since the last decennial census in 2000, and tell us how we've evolved as a country. Because census data affect how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is distributed to tribal, state and local governments, the census also will frame the future of our country and our community for the next 10 years.

During Census 2000, the mail participation rate was 72 percent as of the

April 2000 cut-off. About \$85 million is saved for every one percent increase in mail participation. For these and many other reasons, we must work to encourage everyone's participation in the census.

Here's what you should know about the 2010 Census:

It's easy. One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. The individual in whose name the housing unit is rented or owned should complete the form on behalf



of every person living there, both relatives and nonrelatives.

It's important. Census data are used to reapportion

seats in Congress and ensure proper district representation in state and local governments. Information from the census helps determine locations for child-care and senior centers, new roads, hospitals, schools and community centers.

It's safe. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other

federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

Finally, the most efficient way to respond to the 2010 Census is to complete the form as soon as it arrives and return it in the postage-paid return envelope. Census workers will visit households that do not return forms to take the count in person.

For more information about the 2010 Census and the "Take 10" initiative, visit 2010census.gov.

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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	Other large items, <i>including building materials</i> can be taken to Veolia
Thursday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM	on North River Road in West Bend. There is a \$30.00 minimum
Friday 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	disposal charge, the charge is based on the weight of the items
Police Department Non-Emergency Voice Mail Number.....689-0661	dumped. Veolia is now able to accept building materials such as
EMERGENCY.....911	lumber and drywall.

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