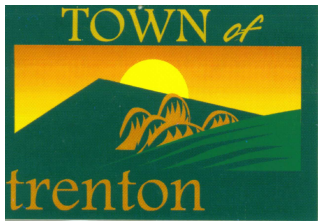


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20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN CRIER!!

By John Norman, Editor



It is difficult to believe that with this issue of the Town Crier we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Trenton Town Newsletter. Back in the spring of 1991 the Town Chairman at the time, James Esselmann inquired if I would be interested in producing a newsletter for the Town. It was felt the residents of the Town should have a source of information stating the current phone numbers and addresses of Town Officials, office hours and days of operation at the Town Hall, proceedings from recent Town Board meetings and information concerning the votes made by the Town Board. With

handwritten on April 4, 1848, the year Wisconsin received Statehood. To note the change in the value of the dollar and scarcity of cash, imagine the tax on 80 acres of land at \$5.00, or five days of work for the Town. This in addition to two days of work to cover the Poll Tax!! The minutes in this precious book went into great detail concerning the layout of the Town's roads—a piece of the important history of our Town!!

There was only a tiny budget to work within during the first ten years, so the only newsletter-related

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

the able assistance of Marge Behlen we gathered information for the first issue. With the early state of development, computers and software programs at the time of our first issue were pretty rudimentary. Yet the print quality of the first issue didn't distract from the content that covered a number of subjects of interest to the Town at that time. Topics such as Recycling, explanation of the Board of Appeal's function, review of the Annual Town Meeting (there were 75 residents in attendance), an article on the upcoming property evaluation for the Town and some committee reports were all covered. Quite a bit of information for that first issue!!

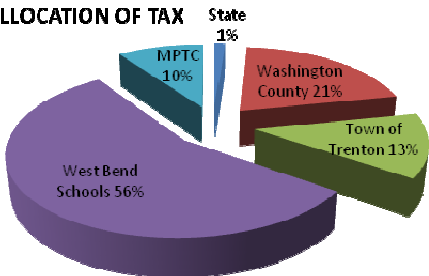
One unique and interesting article was the result of uncovering a book from the archives with the minutes of the Town's first meeting,

expense was for printing and folding. The writing of articles, the typing and setup, stapling and labeling, transportation to the Post Office was labor donated gratis to the Town. With our spouses and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Hron giving us a hand, an afternoon for each issue was spent at the Town Hall doing the stapling and labeling. With the latest improvements in computers, programs, graphics and printers as well as the expertise of Cindy Komro who has taken over the bulk of the many steps in producing the recent publications of the Town Crier, it is a vast improvement in quality over those early issues. However, my ancient computer and matrix printer did its job and turned out many issues of the Town Crier over the years!! Here is to many future years for the Town Crier!!

SCHOOL TAX INCREASE

The recent West Bend School system's increase in school taxes of 10% has resulted in higher Trenton property taxes. As explained in the last issue of the Town Crier, the Town is the vehicle for the collection of taxes for a number of taxing units of government, in addition to the West Bend and Moraine Park schools. The Town has no control over the rate of taxation of any item with the exception of direct Town operating expenses. As shown below, the Town's share of property taxes is just 13 cents of the tax dollar. Your Town government's mandate is to continue frugal tight control over expenditures and maintain our position among the lowest taxed municipalities in Washington County.

ALLOCATION OF TAX



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Joseph Gabrish

Website

The Trenton Police department has a new website which was launched during the first week of February. The address is: <http://www.towntrentonpolice.com> There is a lot of interesting information about the Town and its Police department on this site, as well as contact information to other important agencies. Special credit goes to Officer Janich for doing this for the department on his off time!



Ultimate Survivor

Police officer Luke Wilhelm was injured last fall in Kewaskum where he also works as a part time Police Officer. In September Officer Wilhelm was chasing a suspect who had just caused property damage and was resisting him. During the course of the foot pursuit he fell from a 15-foot wall due to the darkness of the night. This caused a severe injury to his leg. Officer Wilhelm returned to duty on February 1st, which is his 2nd anniversary with the Trenton Police Department. While off on leave Officer Wilhelm showed a lot of strength and drive to reach his ultimate

goal to return to full duty as soon as it was possible, and for that I recognize him here today.

Award

Chief Gabrish was awarded The Police Officer of the Year Award on March 19 2011 for his Service to the Village of Grafton and Town of Trenton Police Departments by the American Legion Rose harms Post at Trenton Wisconsin. Chief Gabrish is in his 29th year of Law Enforcement and has a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

New Radios

The Trenton Police Depart-

ment received all new radios as part of the Washington County Radio System upgrade. The new equipment will last for many years and was received at no cost to the department as part of this initiative. The new system allows for more channels and better communications with no interference. With the old radios we could hear the Chicago Police Department from the corner of Paradise and Oak Road on our channel. We are very happy to have a part of this program.

Have a safe summer!

—Chief JT Gabrish

ELECTION NEWS

April 5 Spring Election



On April 5, your Town Board Chair and Supervisors will be up for election.

May 3 Special Election

Because of the appointment of Mark Gottlieb to a new State position, there will be a

Special Election on May 3 to elect his successor. This special election will be for the residents in the Town that are in the State Assembly District 60. Most of the Town residents are in this district, but some are not. To find out whether you will need to vote in the Special Election, please visit Wisconsin Voter Public Access at <https://vpa.wi.gov>.

TRASH & RECYCLING

Wondering what gets recycled? On the Trash & Recycling page of our website, you can print a copy of the Recycling Guidelines, which details the items that Veolia will take for recycling. Items that are NOT taken for recycling include broken glass, mirrors, certain plastics, aerosol cans, and office pa-

per. It is important to note that if ANY of these forbidden items are seen in your recycling bin, the entire bin will be thrown into the trash. Please be conscious of the items that should be recycled, and those that should be thrown away.



COUNTY LIBRARY INFORMATION

The libraries of Washington County would like to invite all residents of the non-library townships and villages to explore the resources and programs offered within your county. The five libraries in Germantown, Hartford, Kewaskum, Slinger, and West Bend have combined holdings of almost 600,000 items covering a wide variety of interests and reading levels. In addition, these libraries are all members of a forty-four (44) library consortium called "SHARE," which allows direct online access to, and daily van delivery of, materi-

als from such libraries as Racine, Watertown, White-water, and Beaver Dam. Each of the libraries of Washington County offers adult, juvenile, and young-adult materials in a variety of formats: print, audio, video/DVD and downloadable. Each library offers both adult and juvenile programming opportunities, as well as high speed internet access. These services are all offered without charge simply by having a library card from one of the county's libraries.

Library service for the rural townships and villages in Washington County

is provided through a special library tax assessed to rural property. This allows Town residents to have the same access to the local libraries that the City or Village residents have. Your tax dollars help provide the services and materials offered in these five libraries. The County is aware that due to various circumstances, some residents of the rural areas are choosing to use the libraries in neighboring Ozaukee and Waukesha counties. This usage is reimbursable under Wisconsin Act 420, and will cost Washington County and its local libraries \$108,471 in



2011 for cross-county payments. While the County is not suggesting that residents avoid using the neighboring libraries, it is important to be aware that every item borrowed at these libraries costs Washington County between \$2.25 and \$4.50. Take some time to explore the resources and collections available to you locally. Help keep Washington County library money in the Washington County libraries!

For more information, please contact Paul Us-truck at (262) 334-2989.

DOG LICENSE REMINDER

By Monica Diaz, Town Treasurer
All dogs in the Town of Trenton that are 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 no later than **April 1**. If you acquire a dog after April 1 you have 30 days from the date that you purchased your dog to obtain a license.

OBTAIN THE FORM BY:

- ✓ Printing it from our website www.townoftrenton.info
- ✓ Picking one up from the Town Hall during normal business hours
- ✓ Calling 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.

TOWN ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 12, 2011
8:00 PM

TOWN ATHLETICS



Winter is winding down and that means the 2011 Town of Trenton Athletic Programs will be starting up. We offer a variety of programs for kids ages 4-9 years old, which include spring soccer, baseball, football, and fall soccer. See the chart for details on each sport's season and registration deadline. For more information regarding our sports programs and to register for 2011 programs

please visit our website, www.townoftrenton.info, or visit our Town Hall during normal business hours. 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

SPORT	SEASON	DEADLINE
Spring Soccer	Apr 19-June 2	April 2
Baseball	June 14-Aug 4	May 21
Flag Football	Aug 16-Sept 29	July 23
Fall Soccer	Aug 16-Sept 29	July 23

programs is encouraged to get involved. We are always in need of volunteer coaches so parents please sign up as coaches for your child's team!

PERSONNEL CHANGES AT THE TOWN

A Good-Bye Message from Frank Mayer

As of March 1, Barb Davies will assume the Zoning Administrator position at the Town. The Town will be in good hands. I have enjoyed working at the Town of



Trenton and serving its residents over the years.

Thank you,
Frank Mayer

Other Changes

Along with assuming the Zoning Administrator duties, Barb Davies has retained a role as Deputy Clerk. The new Town Clerk is Cindy Komro. Warm wishes to Frank Mayer in his retirement, and good luck to Barb and Cindy in their new roles!

NEW LAW—RECYCLE USED OIL FILTERS

MADISON -- "Each year, Wisconsinites throw away an estimated 187,000 gallons of oil in used oil filters and 1.6 million gallons of oil in oil absorbents," says Jack Connelly, solid waste program coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources waste and materials management program. "Oil is a valuable, reusable material. By recycling filters and absorbent material, used oil can be extracted and reused."



A new law bans the disposal of used automotive

oil filters and oil absorbent materials in landfills in Wisconsin as of January 1, 2011. The ban covers everyone in the state, including homeowners, farmers, businesses, industrial operations and others.

The oil filters and absorbents ban is intended to keep these materials out of Wisconsin landfills and out of the landfill leachate that is collected from landfills and often treated at municipal wastewater treatment facilities.

Filters also contain steel components that can be recycled. Recycling the approximately nine million filters that currently enter the landfill will save more than 4.5 million pounds of steel for reuse.

Recycling options for oil filters and oil absorbent materials are available throughout the state. Many businesses that perform oil changes will accept used oil filters. Some communities allow used oil and oil filters to be collected at their waste transfer stations or at specific collection sites. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Connelly at (608) 267-7574.

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Monday, 7:30 AM—12:30 PM 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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