



Town of Fredonia News

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The Home of Flag Day

TOWN OF FREDONIA
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www.fredoniawi.gov

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262-692-9673

Open Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 11:00 am
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Town Officials

TOWN CHAIRMAN

Lance Leider 262-483-2205

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISORS

John Depies 414-507-5770

Chris Janik 262-692-9123

Matt Miller 262-689-0575

James Stemper 262-692-2287

TOWN CLERK

Christophe Jenkins 262-692-9673

TOWN TREASURER

Jean Wills 262-692-6365

PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chris Janik 262-692-9123

Steve Jentges 262-208-0226

Bill Koeppen 262-692-6130

Paul Lundh 414-331-6240

Steve Paulus 262-689-3726

Doug Winquist 262-692-2186

ASSESSOR

Grota Appraisals 262-253-1142

BUILDING INSPECTOR

John Derler 262-692-2039

MANAGER of RECYCLING CENTER

Harry Michaels, Jr. 262-692-9202

Recycling Center Location
W3480 Hickory Grove Road
(at Cedar Valley Rd)

OPEN Saturdays (year round)
8:00 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

Thursdays (April through Sept)
5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

2023 PROPERTY TAXES

Full or 1st Installment payment due by January 31, 2024

Please include the correct stub with your payment!

PAYMENT OPTIONS...

IN PERSON - at Port Washington State Bank

(Fredonia branch only - 201 Regal Drive - Lobby, please)

Open 9 am to 5 pm Monday-Friday 9 am to noon Saturdays

CONTACT THE BANK DIRECTLY FOR THEIR HOURS / 262-692-2444

IN PERSON - at the Town Office

242 Fredonia Ave., Fredonia

Open Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 11:00 AM

TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, December 22th / Friday, December 29th

OR PAY BY MAIL

Send Tax Stub with signed or endorsed check to:
Town of Fredonia, P.O. Box 12, Fredonia, WI 53021

*For payment receipt, include STAMPED, self-addressed return envelope.
Endorse escrow checks to "Town of Fredonia" followed by your signature.*

APRIL ELECTION IS IMPORTANT!

2 Supervisor seats are up in April 2024. If you're interested in running for office, the appropriate paperwork and signatures must be collected and filed at the Town Office by January 2, 2024. Candidates must collect anywhere from 20 to 40 signatures of residents within the township.

Any questions? Please contact the Town Office

Winter Hours at the Recycling Center

The Recycling center will be CLOSED ON Saturday, December 24, but it will be open the following Saturday, December 31, from 8:00 am - 1:30 pm.

Harry wants to remind you that when we have snow, it's best to call ahead - before you load up - to make sure the Center is open and someone is there. Harry's phone number is 262-692-9202.

TOWN BUDGET

The Annual Operating Budget for the Town is one of the most important policy documents adopted by the Town Board that ensures the appropriate funding and operations of all of the services you've come to expect. Quarterly Town staff review budget-to-actuals of the current year and recommend updates via resolutions as-needed to ensure accuracy of these numbers. Halfway through the year, major public works projects are determined and approved by the Town Board, which consists of the bulk of collected dollars – these projects improve our streets, ditches, culverts, and bridges. At the end of Summer, the Town Chairman and Town Clerk work closely together to create a draft of the next year's budget taking into consideration what was spent during the current year and upcoming goals and projects for the next. This draft budget is then reviewed over multiple monthly Town Board meetings leading up to the Town Electors meeting (typically in November) where the public are able to voice their opinion and vote on the amount of taxes to be collected, before the final budget is officially adopted by the Town Board. This entire process is documented via various agendas and public notices that are required to be posted and available. This year's tax rate remains flat from the prior year at ~\$3.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If you ever have any questions about the operating budget, or wish to make suggestions for the future, please contact our Town Office. At the end of the day, this is your town and your hard-earned tax dollars at work!



FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



As winter months approach us and days and nights are becoming colder, it can be quite inviting to light a fire in the fireplace to take the chill out. But before lighting it for the season it may be a good idea to have it, and the chimney, inspected. Also make sure to cover the opening of the fireplace with a screen to help prevent sparks from flying out and possibly starting a fire. Keep at least three feet of clearance around the fireplace, including preventing children and pets from sitting too close. Toys and other potentially flammable materials should also be kept away from this area as well.

Cooking fires tend to increase this time of year. There are a few steps you can take to be fire safe in the kitchen. First and foremost, never leave cooking unattended. Simply stated – when cooking, stay in the kitchen. It's also a good idea to keep a fire extinguisher close by, but if you don't have one handily available, there are other means of dousing a fire in the kitchen. For small grease fires on the stove, instead of water, use a lid or wet towel to cover the pot or pan, leaving them in place until the pot cools completely. If a fire occurs in the oven, first turn it off and make sure to close the door. In either case call 911 to have the fire department come out and take a look. If the fire seems out of hand then it probably is, so leave the house immediately closing the door behind you. Closing the door helps limit the amount of air to fuel the fire, hopefully containing it until help arrives. A few more tips to consider when cooking; be sure to keep oven mitts, towels, wooden utensils and food packaging away from the stove top; keep young children away from hot surfaces; and most important, don't leave cooking unattended.

Remember, calling 911 in an emergency is not always the responsibility of an adult. Make sure every member of your household has the knowledge to call if needed.

Have you ever considered joining an elite team of first responders? Helping your community and neighbors in need? Please call 262-692-2656 or visit waubekafiredept.com for more information on how to become a Waubeka Fire Department member.

The Officers and Members of the Waubeka Fire Department wish to extend to you a SAFE and Happy Holiday Season!

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR DOG LICENSE

NEEDED:	1. Copy of Rabies vaccination certificate 2. Self-addressed, stamped return envelope 3. Check made out to: Town of Fredonia
COST:	Spayed or neutered – \$5.00/each Male or Female – \$10.00/each Kennel License –\$55.00 (12 tags)

Our best wishes to all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!