



# Town of Fredonia News

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## The Home of Flag Day

### TOWN OF FREDONIA WEBSITE

[www/town.fredonia.wi.us](http://www/town.fredonia.wi.us)

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[office@town.fredonia.wi.us](mailto:office@town.fredonia.wi.us)

**262-692-9673**

Open Daily 9:00 to 11:00 AM

*Beginning January 4th, 2021*

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

Mark Schubert 262-707-4806

James Stemper 262-692-2287

### TOWN CLERK

Bob Eichner 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.

## New Office Hours!!!

Beginning January 4th, 2021, we will have new office hours. We will be open from 9:00 - 11:00 AM.

## TAX SEASON IS HERE



You'll be receiving your tax bills soon. Full payment for the 1st installment payment is due by January 31, 2021.

The Port Washington State Bank, Fredonia Branch, accepts tax payments in their lobby. Be sure to call them for their holiday hours - 262-692-2444.

If you intend to pay in person at the Town Office, note that our office hours are from 3:00-5:00 PM daily through the end of 2020. As of January 4th, 2021 our new hours will be 9:00 - 11:00 AM. **PLEASE PAY BY CHECK OR HAVE THE EXACT CHANGE WITH YOU.**

Paying by mail is also an option. Be sure to include the proper stub with your payment. And if you would like a receipt please send along a stamped, self-addressed return envelope.

We get many calls from folks wondering if they're taxes have been paid by an Escrow company. We don't mind the calls, but if you have the tax number handy, it makes it a little easier for us to find. That number is on your tax bill, on the stubs at the bottom.

## TIME TO RENEW DOG LICENSES

Include the following with your tax payment by mail or stop in the Town Office:

1. Rabies vaccination certificate
2. Self-addressed, stamped return envelope
3. Check made out to: Town of Fredonia

### COST:

Spayed or neutered	\$5.00 each
Unsprayed or unaltered	\$10.00 each
Kennel License	\$55.00 (12 tags)

If you have any questions, please call  
262-692-9673.



## TOWN BUSINESSES

### AUCTION HOUSE

Rambling' Rose

### AUTO REPAIR

D & D Auto  
Ebersold's Auto Body  
Fredonia Automotive  
Harrier's Auto Repair

### RESTORATION

Rik Meyer

### SALES

Mueller's

### SALVAGE

APR Dennis Wendtland

### BED & BREAKFAST

Hilltop Haven

### CLUBS

Schnee Katzen Snowmobile  
Club

### CONSTRUCTION

Ron Lanser Masonry  
Hartmann Sand & Gravel

### FOOD/DRINK

Cedar Valley Cheese  
Schwai's Meat & Sausage  
Tony's BBQ

### GAS/CONVENIENCE

Big Joe's

### INSURANCE

MacGillis Agency, Inc.

### MANUFACTURING

Magnetic Research & Recycling

### PET SERVICES

Autumglo Pet Lodge  
Fredonia Veterinary Clinic  
My Critter Companion

### PLUMBING & HEATING

Bublitz

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Right-Hand Man, LLC

## From the Town Clerk

*Thank you to the Town of Fredonia Poll Workers and our Chief Inspectors. In this crazy year, the Town Elections went relatively smoothly. This was due to your dedication and attention to detail. Thank you again, for a job well done!*



## Sidewalks & Snow

Sidewalks need to be cleared of snow within 24 hours after the storm has passed. If there is ice on the sidewalk, you need to put down salt, ashes, sand, sawdust or kitty litter. This is all according to Town Ordinance 8.04.

Ordinance 8.05 goes on to say that you can't shovel, blow or throw snow into the maintained portion of the road.

And please keep your Fire Number sign free from snow. Should there be an emergency, you want that number easily read!

## Plan to Spend Time with Loved Ones this Next Year...

This year has been trying. But we now we pretty much know what we're dealing with. Some people are still pretty frightened, and others have accepted life and moved on. Here are some ideas to brighten everyone's day, no matter where they are on the spectrum:

- Make a list of friends you've lost touch with over the years. Scribble a note in your planner to call one of them every month, just to catch up.
- Plan time with your significant other. Schedule it, if needed!
- Make a date with each of your kids to go to somewhere he or she chooses. Use the opportunity to have fun together, just the two of you, without mentioning schoolwork or a messy room.
- Use a special event, like a new exhibition at a museum or a craft fair, to invite a friend for a "walk and talk afternoon."
- Keep postcards and stamps handy, so that you can drop a note to the people you love whenever you think of it.

## TOWN MEETINGS

**Plan Commission** 7:30 PM First Wednesday of the Month

**Town Board** 7:30 PM Second Wednesday of the Month

*If you have an item you would like placed on the agenda, please notify the Clerk or Town Chairman no later than 5:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the meeting.*

## From the Fire Chief



The Holidays are fast approaching and as we safely gather with friends and family, please keep fire safety in mind. Fires as a result of unattended cooking are the leading cause of home fires and injuries, especially during the holidays. 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 handy 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.

Holiday decorations are a great way to show your holiday spirit. But sometimes, when putting up your decorations, it can be easy to run out of enough outlets to power all those lights and other electronic devices. Avoid overloading circuits by only plugging together as many light cords as recommended by the manufacturer. Use lights approved by Underwriters Laboratory (UL) and always check cords for damage (frayed wires or cracks) prior to using. If possible, plug outdoor decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI). GFCIs help prevent electric shock with cords/plugs that are exposed to moisture or wet locations.

We just turned our clocks back for the end of Daylight Savings Time. Did you change the batteries in your smoke detectors? It is recommended to change the batteries in smoke and CO detectors twice a year, usually in the spring and in the fall. Are your detectors over 10 years old? If so, it is recommended to replace them at 10 years because sensors may not be as effective. Remember, they are monitoring 24 hours a day, 7 days a week 52 weeks a year, never taking a day off. Changing the batteries is a small expenditure for the job they do – alerting you early if there is a fire. Please take the time to change these if you have not already done so.

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.

Ever considered joining an elite team of first responders? Helping your community and neighbors in need? Please call 262-692-2656 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!

## TOWN BUSINESSES

### PUBS

No Where Pub  
Stony Hill

### TREE SERVICE

Affordable Tree Service

### UPHOLSTERY

The Upholstery Shoppe

### WEDDING & SPECIAL EVENTS

The Hilltop Haven

For more specifics on each of these businesses, check out the Town Website: [www/town.fredonia.wi.us](http://www/town.fredonia.wi.us)

BUSINESSES - if you would like to be listed here and on our website, please send us your information!

*"Peace on earth  
will come to stay,  
When we live Christmas  
every day."*

*- Helen Steiner Rice*



## Building Permits

It is important that you check with the Town Building Inspector, John Derler, before beginning any building projects. John is available to answer any questions you may have and help you resolve minor conflicts before they become major problems. Please leave an afternoon and evening phone number where you can be reached. (262) 692-2039

# VOTING IS A PRIVILEGE

*Observations by one of our Poll Workers*

After working the polls at the recent Presidential election, it was dis-heartening to frequently hear voters say (at the end of the process), "SEE YOU IN 4 YEARS!" Baffled by these frequent comments, some of us reminded our citizens that there are other elections throughout the year(s) in our community. It got me to research the topic of the privilege of voting – and why some citizens feel it is important –and some do not. Listed below are several points to consider;

## 1) Voting still matters.

Your vote impacts the elections of local and state politicians. These legislators pass laws that can impact YOUR daily life. Local elected officials dictate laws, policies, and budgets. They also decide how our public safety is managed. Members of the School Board impact how YOUR children are taught in school and how YOUR taxes are used. This is NOT a popularity contest. Even Plato once stated, "One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors." We all need to do our civic duty and Vote.

## 2) Patriotism is not a spectator sport.

I saw this sign in the window of a small business in Plymouth, WI. Have you recently wondered why we don't hear the National Anthem played before a game? Does it concern you that there are no flags in most classrooms? Small things are being taken away one step at a time. We must never forget the importance of making our voice heard. The local National Flag Day Foundation asks students to participate in a contest each year and to write an essay, "What the Flag means to me". The essays are amazing. What would you say? And just to let you know, our civil liberties coexist with our civil rights. Both are essential, but right now, some of those are being restricted. If you don't know what they are, re-read the Declaration of Independence.

## 3) "We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate", said Thomas Jefferson.

So why do people only vote once every 4 years? There are 3 categories of voters: 1) people who almost always vote, 2) people who sometimes vote, and 3) people who rarely or never vote. Logistics, inconvenience, lack of knowledge, too busy, job won't give you off (WRONG –they have to give you off without penalty), and one vote doesn't matter, are many of the reasons people use. As Susan B. Anthony said, "Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it." (Ask a veteran about what they struggled for.)

Voting is not someone else's job. Do not take it for granted. We're all busy, use your time management skills, prioritize your life, get off of social media and stop making excuses. Take ownership of your responsibility. We're not asking you to run for office, just show up, listen at your local meetings and take an interest of what is happening. Remember:

THEY are working for YOU.

THEY are employed by YOU.

YOU vote them in and out.

In conclusion, Louis Brandeis, former Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court said, "The most important office, and the one which all of us can and should fill, is that of a Private Citizen.

The next election in the Town of Fredonia is Tuesday, April 6 for your Town Officials. See you at the polls.

## Elections 2021

There will be an election in April for Town Officials. If we have more than 3 people run we may possibly have a Primary Election in February. If you intend to vote Absentee, you will need to reapply in the new year. But please keep in mind that we will offer Early Voting as well. Early voting will occur two weeks prior to the election during our normal office hours.

Town Chair and 2 Supervisor positions are up for re-election. If you are interested in running, papers can be picked up in the Town Office beginning December 1. They must be returned by January 5, 2021.

*We wish  
everyone  
a Merry  
Christmas  
and a Happy,  
Safe and Healthy New Year!*



*Keep in mind, the Town Office will be closed on December 24 and 25, and again December 31 and January 1. Our normal hours in the new year are 9:00 - 11:00 AM, weekdays Monday - Friday. If you're making a special trip in to see us, especially when the weather is bad- it's always a good idea to call first. Once in awhile things come up and we do have to close.*





Home Energy Plus of Ozaukee County  
121 W. Main St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Port Washington, WI 53074  
1-262-284-8101

Home Energy Plus includes the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), and Home Energy Plus (HE+) Furnace Program. WHEAP provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations. WAP helps renters and homeowners reduce their energy consumption. The HE+ Furnace Program provides services to eligible homeowners to repair or replace their heating system. Operating with federal and state funding, the programs provide energy assistance payments to over 200,000 households and weatherization services to over 6,000 households in Wisconsin each year.

#### **WHEAP**

WHEAP assistance is a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15). The funding pays a portion of energy costs, but the payment is not intended to cover the entire energy costs of a residence. The amount of the energy assistance payment varies depending on a variety of factors, including the household's size, income, and energy costs. In most cases the energy assistance benefit is paid directly to the household's energy supplier.

#### **Crisis Assistance**

Crisis assistance may be available if you have no heat, have received a disconnect notice from the vendor, or are nearly out of fuel and are unable to purchase more. WHEAP agencies provide a 24-hour crisis phone number to help with emergencies that occur after business hours.

Ozaukee County Home Energy provides a heat and electric benefit to eligible County residents. The benefit is based on income and household size.

<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>ONE MONTH INCOME</b>	<b>ANNUAL INCOME</b>
1	\$ 2,490.08	\$29,881
2	\$ 3,256.33	\$39,076
3	\$ 4,022.50	\$48,270
4	\$ 4,788.67	\$57,464
5	\$ 5,554.83	\$66,658
6	\$ 6,321.00	\$75,852
7	\$ 6,464.67	\$77,576
8	\$ 6,608.33	\$79,300