



# Town of Fredonia News

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## *The Home of Flag Day*

### TOWN OF FREDONIA

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Open Daily 3:00 to 5:00 PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

## Town Officials

### TOWN CHAIRMAN

Lance Leider 262-483-2205

### TOWN BOARD SUPERVISORS

John Depies 414-507-5770

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James Stemper 262-692-2287

### TOWN CLERK

Bob Eichner 262-692-9673

### TOWN TREASURER

Jean Wills 262-692-6365

### PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS

Steve Jentges 262-208-0226

Chris Janik 262-692-9123

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.

## ELECTIONS!

The Presidential Primary will be held August 11, and the General Election will be held November 3. Hours for both are 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Be sure to bring your voter ID along!

We know there's been some confusion about Early Voting. If you have difficulty standing or are concerned about waiting in line for any reason, you certainly have this option. What it involves is coming into the office with your ID, we give you a ballot to fill out, which you then insert into an envelope. The envelope is the very same one which is used for Absentee Voting. On the outside of the envelope is a place for you to sign and date, and then a line for a witness to sign and add his/her address. These 4 lines *must* be filled out. If any of that information is lacking, the ballot may not be cast. As far as who can witness – if you vote in person and come with your spouse, he or she can witness. If you don't have someone with you, one of us in the office will be happy to witness it for you. The information on when you can begin to Early Vote will be found on the website, under the Posting Box tab. The hours will be 3:00-5:00 PM, our normal office hours.

For those of you who have requested an Absentee Ballot make sure we have that ballot back by the day of the election.

### *Here's an interesting fact:*

*Wisconsin is one of the few states that have elections held at the municipal level! Most are County-wide or held by the State. Think back to past elections and Dade Co., FL. Did they ever figure out where those absentee ballots came from? Here in the Town of Fredonia, whether you vote in person, early vote, or vote by absentee, we strive for an honest election!*

## Website

We're finally getting a handle on the website! You'll now find the agendas for the meetings under the heading "Posting Box" as well as other timely information that you might be looking for. This "Posting Box" tab duplicates the information we have in our 3 Posting Boxes throughout the Town, so if you're not inclined to get out of your car to actually go up to a Posting Box to read the notices, you can read them here. November election information will be posted, as well as any kind of information which we feel would be helpful to the Town residents. Keep your eye on the Posting Box on the website!

## 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

### 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

### PLUMBING & HEATING

Bublitz

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Right-Hand Man, LLC

### PUBS

No Where Pub

## Fireworks Permits

Please, please, please!! If you're going to shoot off fireworks, please fill out a Fireworks Permit. They can now be found on the website, under the "Resources" and then "Permits" tabs. If you don't have access to a computer, stop in or call and we can mail one out to you. It's an issue of safety, and especially this time of the year. Things will be getting a bit drier, and in the not too distant future we'll have dead leaves on the ground. The permit is only \$10, and you can put a rain date on it. Once we receive the permit, we forward your plans to both the Ozaukee County Sheriff, and the Waubeka Fire Station. That way, should a neighbor complain or a spark start a fire, any 'fires' can soon be put out!



Update on Harry Michaels Jr. - manager of the Recycling Center  
He's doing very well! Still at home waiting to be released by his Doctor, but chomping at the bit to get back on the job. We've missed you, Harry!

## ATV / UTV Ordinance Update

Although the ATV/UTV Ordinance was passed in January of this year, it is not in affect until all signs have been erectd to the Town Board's satisfaction. Please refrain from ujsing public roads with ATVs/UTVs unless you have a permit to do so.

## 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.*

### OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS:

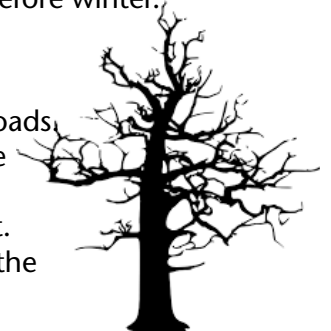
**Annual Electors Meeting** November 18th 7:00 PM  
*-subject to change-*

## Fire Numbers...

Make sure your Fire Number is visible! If bushes or trees are covering the number, take the time to remedy the situation before winter.

## and Dead Trees....

There are still quite a few dead trees lining our roads. If you have any trees near the right-of-way of the road, and a branch or the tree itself falls in the right-of-way, the County will be out to remove it. You may be billed for the damage it causes and the cost of having it removed.



# Invasive Species in the Town



## Common Reed Grass

This grass has been found in 1,004 locations throughout Ozaukee County, 12 are in the Town of Fredonia.

Common Reed Grass is a perennial wetland grass that grows 3-20' tall with dull, very slightly ridged, stiff, and hollow stems. The blue-green leaves are smooth and linear, measuring anywhere from 6-24" long. The leaf sheaths tightly clasp the stem, are difficult to remove, and stay on throughout winter. It blooms July-September, with light brown to purple plumes that resemble feather dusters.

It invades moist habitats including lake shores, river banks and roadways, tolerating brackish waters, dry conditions and alkaline to acidic conditions. It can quickly become established with extensive rhizomes taking over underground. It spreads through root fragmentation, long runners above ground, and sometimes windblown seeds.

Apply herbicides in late summer or early fall after flowering. Repeat treatments for several years may be necessary to completely kill rhizomes. Contact the DNR for more information.

## Neighbor Disputes

We seem to get our share of calls in the office regarding complaints with neighbors. Most of us aren't in a position to choose our neighbors, so we need to make the best of the situation. A few pointers that might be helpful:

- Make sure it's really a problem. Was it a one-time thing? If so, maybe let it go. If not, keep reading...
- Put a smile on your face, take a deep breath, and go talk to your neighbor. There's always the thought that the barking dog sounds like music to your neighbor's ears, and he/she doesn't realize it gives you a headache. Try to find out why the 'problem' is happening. Our Town Ordinances are posted on our website, and for many things that go on, we do have an ordinance covering it. Do a little research, and if you find an ordinance, kindly point that out to your neighbor. What's that old adage about tart words make no friends: and a spoonful of honey will catch more flies than gallon of vinegar? Figure out ahead of time what would make *you* happy, so that you can express that to your neighbor - keeping in mind it probably will have to be some kind of a compromise. Everything can't go your way!
- If things improve, take the time to go over and thank your neighbor. Tell him/her that you really appreciate the steps he or she has taken. Your neighbor will appreciate that you've noticed. And who knows - they might even bend a little and make further concessions! If things don't improve, then get in touch with the Town. Some things we can help with, others not so much. The Town does not have a Constable to enforce our ordinances. All we can do is send letters, and perhaps fine the person if it warrants.

## TOWN BUSINESSES

### 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!

## Roadside Mowing

The Town contracts with the Ozaukee County Highway Department to mow the right-of-way on many of our Town roads. The County mows twice per year. In June, most of the Town roads are mowed from the shoulder to the ditch.

During the second mowing, the entire right of way is mowed on approximately half of the Town roads each year. In 2020, the roads being mowed are as follows: all town roads east of CTH I, along with Clover Valley Road; Trails End; Jay Road from CTH I to CTH E; and Oriole Lane north of Jay Road. Please note that if you maintain your property to the ditch or shoulder of your road, the County may not mow in front of your property.



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## Building Permits:

Ever wonder if you need a building permit for a particular project you're thinking of? The person to call is John Derler, our Town Building Inspector. He can help with information on set-backs needed, size buildings allowed on your property, and which permits you will need. He can help you resolve minor conflicts before they become major problems. Please leave an evening phone number where you can be reached. (262) 692-2039



## Fire Department Events Coming Up...

### Fire Prevention Week

October 5-9

"Serve Up Fire Safety  
In The Kitchen"

*The Waubeka Fire Department may be altering our Open House and activities. Visit our website for more information.*

### Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday November 1

*Set your clocks back one hour.  
Change the batteries in your smoke  
and CO detectors.*

### Waubeka Fire Department "Italian Night" Fundraiser Sunday November 15th

*Visit our website for more information.*



## From the Fire Chief



We at the Waubeka Fire Department hope you are staying safe and healthy during our current pandemic situation. We are still answering house calls, so please utilize 911 and our fire or ambulance services if needed.

Kitchen safety is the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) theme this year. "Serve Up Fire Safety In The Kitchen" addresses the need to be proactive and vigilant in cooking safety. Unattended cooking is the number one cause of kitchen fires in the U.S. and even though cooking fires occur most around the holidays, they are significant during the course of the entire year. The first safety tip is to just stay in the kitchen while cooking activities are going on. Leaving for even a few seconds could be detrimental when talking about fires and fire spread, and if you absolutely need to leave, turn off any burners that are in use. Avoid wearing very loose clothing that could be ignited by a hot burner. Keeping young children away from a hot stove, keeping handles from pots and pans turned inward and not hanging over the edge of the stove and keeping towels, hot pads or oven mits, wooden spoons, electrical cords from other small appliances or other combustibles such as food packaging away from burners are good practices when cooking in the kitchen. Also keeping the stove and oven clean from grease or old food debris will help greatly in preventing a potential fire. Lastly, having a fire extinguisher in the kitchen or close by would be a great benefit should a fire start.

As you begin your fall yard work routine, please keep clear and maintain the fire number sign (address sign) located near your driveway entrance. This helps responders locate your address in an emergency. Even with good technology, we sometimes find that locations do not show up correctly on our devices, which makes us rely on finding your fire number sign. Having this openly visible can cut down on precious minutes lost trying to find an address. If the sign becomes lost or damaged, please contact the Town of Fredonia office for a replacement. And please maintain its visibility all year long. Each season brings its own challenge – spring and summer may have fresh grass/brush growth, fall may have dead grass/brush growth and winter may have snow piles, so keeping these clear can be a year-long effort and staying on top of it helps emergency responders as they arrive.

With the current pandemic situation, many of us have had to change our normal ways of doing things and going places, and we at the firehouse are no different. Until this "temporary normal" subsides, we too are following best practices. If you see us on the ambulance, we are wearing our appropriate masks, glasses and sometimes gowns. This is to protect both you as a patient and us as emergency responders. It has become common to see responders this way and we will do everything we can to keep both you and ourselves as healthy as we can.

Have you ever considered joining your Waubeka Fire Department? We are looking for people to join as firefighters, EMTs, ambulance drivers, pump operators and buildings & grounds maintainers. You would be joining a group of diverse community members who have a passion for helping their fellow friends and neighbors. We provide free training and a small retirement benefit. Don't wait, stop in and see us today.

Check out our new website for more information. Visit us at [www.waubekafiredept.com](http://www.waubekafiredept.com)