



Town of Fredonia News

P.O. Box 12 • Fredonia, Wisconsin 53021 • 262 / 692-9673

The Home of Flag Day

TOWN OF FREDONIA

office@town.fredonia.wi.us

www/town.fredonia.wi.us

Open Daily 3:00 to 5:00 PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

Town Officials

TOWN CHAIRMAN

Lance Leider 262-483-2205

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISORS

Chris Janik 262-692-9123

Richard Mueller 920-994-4095

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

Steve Jentges 262-208-0226

Chris Janik 262-692-9123

Bill Koeppen 262-692-6130

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.



Polls open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM. Remember to bring your photo ID! For those of you who are concerned about the crowds - we feel that the actual turnout on the 7th will be very light, because almost 40% of our electorate has voted absentee or have taken advantage of early voting. Early voting in the office will continue this week, April 1-3, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM.

Invasive Plant – Teasel

This has been found in 1,402 locations in Ozaukee County, 4 of which are in the Town. At a minimum, the teasel and wild parsnip populations should be mowed at the correct time of the year to discontinue the obvious spread of these invasive plants to adjacent properties.

The flower itself has hundreds of small flowers, clustered in dense, egg-shaped heads. Stiff, spiny, leaf-like bracts curve up from base of flower head. It has bracts shorter than the flower heads, has white flowers and blooms from July-September.

Each plant can produce as many as 2,000 seeds, and the seeds remain viable in the soil for at least 2 years. Each plant has a deep taproot, which can be up to 2' long and 1" in diameter.

For more information go to: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/fact/images/CutLeavedTeasel.jpg>



County Work –

Every once in awhile someone asks about having the County do some work on their personal property. The County does put in driveways and culverts for County residents – and the Town Office can help facilitate this for you. We have a form requesting their services, which needs to be filled out. A quote will come from the County for the work, and once we know that, a 50% deposit is required. The remainder needs to be paid upon completion of the job.

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

Town Meetings

Plan Commission 7:30 PM First Wednesday of the Month -
NO MEETING IN APRIL

Town Board 7:30 PM Second Wednesday of the Month -
NO MEETING IN APRIL

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 Town Meeting April 20 7:00 PM - **POSTPONED**

Open Book April 20 Noon - 2:00 PM - *may change*

Board of Review May 18 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - *may change*

The Recycling Center



Here are some interesting "Green Facts:"

Approximately 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S.

Recycling corrugated cardboard cuts the emissions of sulfur dioxide in half and uses about 25% less energy than making cardboard from virgin pulp.

Each ton (2,000 pounds) of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy, and 7,000 gallons of water. This represents a 64% energy savings, a 58% water savings, and 60 pounds less of air pollution.

Kind of makes sense to take your paper and cardboard up to the Recycling Center!!

Don't forget - Thursday Night drop off hours will begin on May 7th. Thursday hours are from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.



Flag Day!

Flag Day observance will be Sunday, June 14th. This year we'll actually be celebrating Flag Day ON Flag Day! We will be honoring the Stars & Stripes Honor Flight Volunteers. The program begins at the Americanism Center at 11:30, followed by the parade at 1:30. After the parade it's a family fun day back at the Americanism Center with games, pony rides, trampoline and much more! The day ends with fantastic fireworks. Please come - honor our flag, the symbol of this great country!!

PROPERTY OWNERS: Take Note!

We have been notified that our Town's properties will need to be re-assessed within the next 2 years. If we don't have it done ourselves, the State will come in and do it for us. The plan is to budget for this over the next 2 years, so we don't have one big bill hitting us at the end.

Property taxes are based on the "assessed" value of your home. If you have a question about why your property is assessed as it is, your first step is going to an "Open Book" meeting. Our Town Assessor, Grota Appraisals represented by Les Ahrens, will be there to listen to your concerns and answer any of your questions. If your concerns are not satisfied, the next step is the Board of Review. Les can also answer your questions on the Board of Review procedures and how to file an objection. Due to current health concerns with COVID-19, Open Book will be in a 'virtual' format through appointments made with Grota.

Board of Review is like a 'legal' process, much like a trial with a 'judge' (Town Chairman) and 'jurors' (Town Supervisors). You state your case, the Town Assessor will explain why your tax assessment was set at what it is, and the 'jury' then deliberates on the case. Your assessment will either be kept the same or changed based on the facts you presented. The date for the Open Book is April 20, 2020, and the Board of Review is May 18, 2020. These dates are subject to change due to COVID-19.



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!!!

Q: What is Diggers Hotline?

A: Diggers Hotline is a free service that you use before you do any kind of digging to make sure you don't damage underground power lines. Let them know at least three working days before you start digging and they will help you avoid costly or dangerous buried lines by alerting the owners of lines in the digging area. Diggers Hotline is not responsible for the actual marking of the lines.

Q: Do I have to call if I'm only using hand tools?

A: Yes, and it doesn't matter how deep you are digging. State law (Wisconsin Statute 182.0175) requires notifying Diggers Hotline before you excavate, grade, trench, dig, drill, auger, tunnel, scrape, plow cable or pipe. Excavation, according to the law, means anything that moves, removes or displaces earth rock or other material in or on the ground.

Call 811 or 1-800-242-8511

IT'S SPRING! TIME TO TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR FLAG!

Is it in tatters? Faded? Seen better days? Please replace it!! We're the Home of Flag Day - where we fly our flag proudly! Worn-out flags can be left at the Recycling Center where they will be destroyed respectfully.

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

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



Reminder:

Second installment of property taxes needs to be paid by July 31, 2019.

Those payments go directly to the County - either in person or by mail.

We cannot accept the second installment of tax payments at the Town Office!



ATVs & UTVs

In January, the Town Board approved an ordinance permitting ATVs and UTVs to use all Town roads and any County Roads with speed limits under 35 mph or approved for us by the county. The ordinance will not become effective until all signage is in place, which we estimate to be later this summer. The rules and requirements for this ordinance will be posted on our website in the near future.

Licenses & Permits FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Fireworks Permits:

If you plan on shooting fireworks off at your celebrations, stop in and get a permit at the Town office. Cost is \$10. We notify the local fire department as well as the Sheriff's office when they'll be seen - and this saves concern by your neighbors.

Dog Licenses:

Your dogs must be licensed in the Town. This can be handled by mail. Send in:

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
Male or Female \$10.00 each

Chicken Permits:

If you live in the Town of Fredonia but not on a farm, and have chickens, please stop in and pick up a permit. Cost is \$5, which is a one time fee. However, the permit must be renewed yearly.

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

It feels like spring has come early this year, which gives us all a chance to start our spring cleaning sooner rather than later. Remember to always follow the manufactures recommendations when it comes to cleaning chemicals and NEVER mix different cleaning chemicals together as this could cause a negative reaction, which can adversely affect your health. If burning winter's left over brush, grass or leaves, please use caution as grassland areas are usually dry and susceptible to catch fire if sparks or embers land there from a burn pile. Please be mindful of wind and wind direction, as this can change instantly, causing a controlled fire to become uncontrolled in a matter of seconds. As always, please call the Waubeka Fire Department (262-692-2656) and the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office (262-284-7172) to notify us of any burning you intend to do.

One thing I would like to remind our residents about, and please pass the word, is to slow down and not become distracted when approaching or driving by an accident scene, or any emergency scene. There have been many tragic stories lately, all around the country, of emergency responders – firefighters, EMTs, police officers – being struck and killed at accident scenes by drivers who are either driving too fast for conditions or drivers who become distracted, ultimately losing control of their vehicle, striking either emergency apparatus or the responders working on the scenes. So please, slow down, move over and cautiously drive by as directed by emergency responders. We all want to return to our families, as do you.

Lastly, please follow all related suggestions and procedures as they relate to the current COVID-19/Coronavirus dilemma. It is such a fluid situation, that recommendations are changing daily. Practice good hygiene (hand washing, etc.) and stay home if you are not feeling well.

Interested in becoming a Firefighter or EMT? Help is always needed! Email us today at chief@waubekafiredept.com to set up an appointment and to see what we are all about.

Stay Safe!

The Mountain Story

A son and his father were walking in the mountains. Suddenly, the son falls, hurts himself, and screams: "AAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!" To his surprise, he hears the voice repeating somewhere in the mountain: "AAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

Curious, he yells, "Who are you?" He receives the answer, "Who are you?"

Angered at the response, he says, "Coward." He looks to his father and asks, "What's going on?"

The father smiles and says, "My son, pay attention." And then he shouts to the mountain, "I admire you!" The voice answers, "I admire you!"

Again the man shouts, "You are a champion!" The voice answers, "You are a champion!"

The boy is surprised, but does not understand. Then the father explains, "People call this an ECHO, but really this is LIFE. It gives back everything you say or do. Our life is simply a reflection of our actions. If you want more love in the world, create more love in your heart. If you want more competence in your team, improve your competence. This relationship applies to everything, in all aspects of life; life will give you back everything you have given to it."

NEWSLETTER 

Next Issue:
August