



Town of Fredonia News

The Home of Flag Day

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

Town Officials

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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.

Meet our new Town Clerk!

Hello! My name is Christophe Jenkins, and I am honored to serve as your new Town Clerk! I have the privilege of also serving as the Village Administrator for the Village of Fredonia, so I look forward to learning all about the different aspects of Fredonia that make it so wonderful. I live in the City of West Bend with my wife and 5 children, where I also serve as Mayor. Previously, I worked as the Village Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer for Elmwood Park, WI, and look forward to bringing a breadth of knowledge to revamp our operations.



Please feel free to stop by and say "Hi" – if I'm not on the Town-side, I'm on the Village, or vice-versa. Look forward to getting to know you all!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR, AGAIN



You'll be receiving your tax bills soon. Full payment or the 1st installment payment is due by January 31, 2023.

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 9:00-11:00 AM daily. The office will be closed for the Holidays on December 23 and 30. **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.

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

CATERING
Boots Q'N Boogie

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
Blublitz

Election Information

After the recent Election on Nov. 8, and because there will be another on April 4, 2023, I felt many of our residents need an update on the Do's & Don't s of the voting privilege. We had some problems this past election with Absentees:

If your Name & Address were not filled in, **your vote did not count.**

If you did not sign and date your ballot, **your vote did not count.**

If you did not have a signature of a witness and their address, **your vote did not count.**

THOSE AREAS, ON THE CERTIFICATE, WERE ALL HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW.

If ballots came back blank or partially filled, the Town Office mailed letters to those individuals IF there was a return address and IF there was enough time for the post office to get it to the address and return it to us.

Other Election Information:

- You cannot request an Absentee Ballot over the phone or in person. You need to request an application for an Absentee Ballot, fill it out, then get the Absentee Ballot.
- You can request Absentee Ballots -for the entire year – in January. If you miss voting in any elections during that year, your name may drop off the list, and you might not receive one in the mail for the next election.
- Voting in-person begins 2 weeks before Election Day (second Tuesday before Election). ID is required and you need to come during office hours.
- You cannot drop off a mailed Absentee Ballot when the office is closed. It will not count. ID needs to be verified and the ballot needs to be received in person by office staff.
- You cannot drop off an Absentee Ballot for a neighbor, a friend, relative, etc., unless you have been directed to by a voter that cannot return their ballot on their own. You may not return the ballot if you are either the persons employer or their union representative. A signed note would help verify this. ID needs to be verified. [Yes, you do not need your ID when mailing a ballot but need ID when you come into the office. That's our Wisconsin Election system rules]
- If you want to vote in person on Election Day, but have a disability, poll workers can come to your car to assist you. There are also plenty of chairs and workers to assist you in the building. The line moves fairly quick.
- If you received a ballot in the mail and you happen to stop by the office, you cannot get another ballot and promise to shred the one at home. You only get 1 ballot.
- If you are heading out of town the day before the election and requested an Absentee Ballot but have not received it, you will not be able to vote. The deadline has past, and you can only vote in person, on the day of the election, at this point.

The very best way to be 100% sure that your vote counts is voting on Election Day and putting the ballot in the machine yourself.



Submitted by,
Keri Eichner -Deputy Clerk

From the Fire Chief



Fire safety should be considered at all times, but especially during the holiday season. Fires as a result of unattended cooking are still 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 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 importantly, 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 third party testing such as 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 remember to 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. 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 and your family 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.

Please consider making the Waubeka Fire Department your New Year’s Resolution. We are always looking for community-minded people to become part of the team. Come check us out and see what we have to offer!

The Waubeka Fire Department wishes you and your family a SAFE and Happy Holiday Season!

TOWN BUSINESSES

PUBS

No Where Pub
Stony Hill
The Dawg House

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

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

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 as soon as possible.

How About Getting Involved??

Instead of standing on the sidelines, how about thinking of running for a Town position? There are 3 slots up for re-election in 2023, two Supervisor positions and the Town Chairman position. If you’re interested in running, papers can be picked up at the Town Office beginning December 1. Papers must be returned by January 3, 2023.

Special Holiday 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, 8:00-1:30.

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.

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. The Ordinance 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!



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

Office Hours...

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 11:00 am on most days, or by appointment. If you're planning on coming in it's best to call first.



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 unneutered	\$10.00 each
Kennel License (12 tags)	\$55.00

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



Winter Word Search

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BOOTS	FROSTY	SCARF
COAT	HAT	SHOVEL
COCOA	ICE	SKIING
COLD	ICICLES	SLIDDING
DECEMBER	JANUARY	SNOW
EARMUFFS	MARCH	SWEATER
FEBRUARY	MITTENS	WINTER

