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EXECUTIVE BOARD

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Technology**
  - ***New .gov Village domain is live!*** While the new website is under construction, you can access the current website at the new domain: **www.vnbwi.gov**
  - ***New Village email addresses:*** Please update your contact lists right away with the Village officials' new email addresses to guarantee continuous communication. Be sure to delete the old email addresses from all your devices. While existing emails are currently being redirected, this service is only temporary and will be discontinued soon.

President Roger Mellem:	**president@vnbwi.gov**
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Water/Wastewater Trustee Rick Cermak:	**wastewater@vnbwi.gov**
Constable Rocco Castellano:	**constable@vnbwi.gov**
Treasurer Robert E. O'Brien:	**treasurer@vnbwi.gov**
Clerk Dori A. Panthofer:	**clerk@vnbwi.gov**

2026 VILLAGE DIRECTORY | This week, a draft of the 2026 Village Directory will be emailed to residents. This directory is for personal use only. Please review your listing and send any necessary updates to Clerk Panthofer at clerk@vnbwi.gov by March 1st, 2026. The finalized edition will be distributed via email to resident subscribers.

RECENT VILLAGE APPOINTMENTS | The Board of Trustees recently appointed several professionals and a dedicated resident to provide essential services for Village residents. Updated forms are already uploaded to the Village website.

- **Building Inspector: Jacob Lipke, Wisconsin Building Code Services.** Jacob brings several years of relevant experience to his role, having previously served as the Building & Zoning Inspector for the Village of Chenequa and SafeBuilt. He also currently works as a Building Inspector for the City of Racine, making him an experienced professional.
- **Electrical Inspector: Gregg Hansen.** We are pleased to announce the return of Gregg Hansen as our Electrical Inspector! His extensive experience with the City of Racine and the Village of Wind Point is a great asset to the Village.
- **Plumbing Inspector: Rick Herman, Herman Plumbing LLC.** We are happy to announce the return of Rick Herman as our Plumbing Inspector! Rick is a familiar face and brings extensive knowledge and experience, as he also serves as the plumbing inspector for the Village of Wind Point and Mount Pleasant.

- **Village Assessor: Dan McHugh, Affiliated Property Valuation Services, LLC.** The Village of North Bay announced the appointment of Dan McHugh as the new Assessor last fall, following the retirement of former Assessor Henke. Dan is no stranger to North Bay, as he served as a backup assessor to Henke. Dan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role and will continue to serve as Assessor for several other southeastern Wisconsin municipalities in addition to North Bay.
- **2026 Board of Appeals (BOA) appointment:** The Board of Appeals welcomes back long-time resident Rick Hennig, who has been reappointed to serve another 3-year term. Mr. Hennig is a valued member and was reappointed to the single seat open this year.
- **2026 Board of Appeals (BOA) 1st and 2nd alternate seats filled:** The Village Board of Appeals welcomes back Sue Arvai as the 2026 1st Alternate and Autumn Latimore-Schienke as the 2026 2nd Alternate. The Executive Board extends its gratitude for their willingness and cheerful return to serve the Village.

TREASURER | *Robert E. O'Brien*

WISCONSIN INCOME TAX FILING | When completing your individual Wisconsin Income Tax return, please indicate the Tax District on page 1 as the Village of NORTH BAY, County of RACINE and School District Number 4620 to provide the Village with valuable tax credits.

PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION | I sincerely appreciate the cooperation of all residents with the payment process this tax year. Thank you all.

REMINDER: DOG LICENSE APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1ST | If you have not already licensed your dog(s) this year, please submit your application(s) and fee(s) by April 1st, 2025 to avoid a late fee. Racine County requires all dogs to obtain rabies vaccinations and a dog license. If you recently moved to North Bay and your dog is licensed in another community, please provide the Treasurer with a copy of your license.

Click here to download and print the dog license application. The URL is:
https://vnbwi.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/vnb-dog-license-with-logo-2.19.2026-1.pdf

SPRING ELECTIONS | *Clerk Dori A. Panthofer*

ELECTION FACTS | Everything you need to know about voting can be found on the **Wisconsin Elections Commission website**. The URL is: **https://elections.wi.gov/voters**

4 WAYS TO REGISTER TO VOTE | Proof of residence is required to register to vote. Visit https://elections.wi.gov/Register for information about voter eligibility and the 28 day residency requirement.

1. **Online;** up to 20 days before the election (Visit www.myvote.wi.gov/en-us)
2. **By mail;** up to 20 days before the election
3. **In the Municipal Clerk's Office;** during in person Early Voting
4. **At the Polling Place on Election day**

ABSENTEE VOTING | To request an absentee ballot, please visit **www.myvote.wi.gov/en-us**. *The US Postal Service recommends allowing 7 days for delivery each way.*

CLICK HERE to:

- Register to Vote (on or before the deadlines set by the WEC - Wisconsin Election Commission)
- Apply to vote absentee & track your absentee ballot
- Verify your Voter Information
- Update your Name or Address
- Find your polling place
- See what's on the Ballot

IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING | The dates and hours to vote in the Clerk's Office are noted below. Hours are also published on the calendar page of the Village website. **The last date to vote an absentee ballot in a clerk's office is Friday, April 3rd, 2026.**

Begins March 24th, 2026:	Tuesdays: 1 PM to 4:30 PM Fridays: 8:30 AM to 10 AM
Location:	Village Hall (3615 Hennepin Place) *NOTE: Please bring a valid photo ID.*

PUBLIC WORKS | *Trustee Paul Schroeder*

PUBLIC ROAD AUTOMATED WASTE COLLECTION REMINDER | All waste must be contained **entirely** within your automated trash carts and NOT next to or behind the cart. **Any waste that does not fit inside the automated cart is classified as bulk waste.**

BULK WASTE REMINDER | Bulk waste collection requires advance scheduling for the designated collection date. Residents are allowed a total of 12 free collections per year.

- For a list of accepted bulk items, please visit the Johns Disposal North Bay page.
- **To schedule your bulk collection or for any questions, please contact Johns Disposal at 262-473-4700 or email office@johnsdisposal.com.**
- To print the 2026 calendar, CLICK HERE or visit https://vnbwi.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/north-bay-schedule-2026-landscape.pdf

2026 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE | Click here to view 2026 HHW Collection Event Information. Collections are scheduled on the third Saturday of the month from April 18th through October 17th from 8AM-1PM. This allows Village residents an opportunity to safely dispose of Household hazardous waste. The collection site address is: 6200 21st Street (West of Hwy 31).

For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable waste, visit: www.cityof**racine.org/HHW**

CONSTABLE | *Rocco Castellano*

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION | The Village of North Bay is among the communities in Racine County that receives public health services from the Racine County Public Health Division (RCPH). As a Level III Health Department, the RCPH plays a key role in monitoring the health concerns of entire communities, with a focus on preventing health problems. Their responsibilities include providing at least 14 programs or services that cover a minimum of seven focus areas outlined in the State of Wisconsin Health Plan.

For more information, visit:
www.racinecounty.gov/departments/human-services-department/public-health

VILLAGE HALL | *Clerk Dori A. Panthofer*

CONTACT INFO

Visit www.vnbwi.gov/contacts/ for the list of Executive Board Members (Elected Officials), Appointed Officials and Service Providers.

VILLAGE MEETINGS | Meetings that are scheduled as of this publication appear in the Upcoming Village Meetings table on the next page. Stand Up and Board of Appeals meetings are scheduled as needed and announced with proper notice

Meetings are held at Village Hall located at 3615 Hennepin Place. Meeting notices and agendas are posted on the bulletin board at Village Hall and the Village website under News and Announcements at least 24 hours prior to the meeting (News & Announcements URL: www.vnbwi.gov/news-announcements/). Dates and times of meetings are subject to change with proper notice.

Village meetings are open to the public. Please note: Public Comment may only be given orally and in person. Visit the Village Meetings page of the Village website for more information.

UPCOMING VILLAGE MEETINGS

Monday, March 9th, 2025	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * *Tentative* 7:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, April 13th 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * *Tentative* 7:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, June 8th, 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * *Tentative*
Monday, June 15th, 2026 * *Third Monday of the month.*	5:00 PM - 2026 Board of Review reconvenes 7:00 PM - 2026 Board of Review First Meeting 7:05 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting