



# NORTH BAY NEWS

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear VNB Residents,

Welcome to Spring! As the sun gets higher in the sky and the daylight hours get longer, I admire the greening up beauty of North Bay and find myself looking forward to yardwork, grilling out, and more face time with my neighbors.

During the winter months, the Village Board agreed on necessary capital projects and maintenance needs, discussed capital budgeting, and scheduled work with chosen contractors. We are now awaiting warmer weather to begin. Future newsletters will provide updates on our progress.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at [president@vnbwi.gov](mailto:president@vnbwi.gov) or (262) 681-1176.

Roger Mellem, Village President

## PUBLIC WORKS | Paul Schroeder

### BI-MONTHLY YARD WASTE & SMALL BRANCH COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 13TH, 2026!

2026 yard waste collection occurs on two predetermined Mondays each month starting April 13th, and ending on November 23rd. The exact dates are published on the 2026 Johns Disposal Collection Schedule. [Click here](#) to view the schedule. This and other waste collection information can be found on the North Bay tab of the Johns Disposal website. The URL is: [www.johnsdisposal.com/municipalities/north-bay-village/](http://www.johnsdisposal.com/municipalities/north-bay-village/).

### Yard Waste Collection Guidelines:

- Yard waste collection is strictly for **normal, residential yard waste** only.
- **Place all yard waste to the collection site by 7 AM.**
- **Collection sites:**
  - Public roads except Chatham: Curbside, please allow a 6 foot clearance to automated carts.
  - Chatham Street: Place yard waste on the gravel platform on North Street; please allow 6 foot clearance to automated carts.
  - Shore Acres Drive: Place yard waste on North Bay Drive, please allow a 6 foot clearance to automated carts.
  - Private Drives: At the end of your driveway.
- **Compostable Bagged Yard Waste:** Place yard waste in 30-gallon paper bags. These bags are available for purchase at local hardware stores. The weight limit is 50 pounds per bag.
- **Containers clearly marked Yard Waste:** 32 gallons or smaller, 60 pound maximum weight limit when full. Containers will be emptied and left for future use.
- **Small Branches:** Bundle small branches using twine. Branches must be smaller than 6 inches in diameter and no longer than 4 feet. The maximum size for a bundle is either 60 pounds or 1 foot in diameter.

**MATERIALS NOT COLLECTED APPEAR ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

**Please note: The items listed below are not part of the yard waste program and will not be picked up during collection:**

- Material resulting from large storm events
- Dirt, sod, rocks, or concrete
- Tree stumps or brush
- Landscape timbers or construction lumber
- Johns Disposal **will not collect** yard waste generated by extensive clean-up or landscaping projects performed by outside contractors.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**VILLAGE OFFICIALS RE-ELECTED** | The Village of North Bay is pleased to announce the successful re-election of the following three officials on April 7th, 2026, each securing another two-year term that begins on the third Tuesday of April to continue their dedicated service. Their term officially begins on Tuesday, April, 21st, 2026.

- **Paul Schroeder, Public Works Trustee #1:** Paul's steady leadership and extensive experience are vital to maintaining and improving the Village's infrastructure, including roads, public grounds, and facilities.
- **Rick Cermak, Water & Wastewater Trustee #2:** Rick remains vital to the quality and reliability of our wastewater systems, a service essential for all residents. He also oversees street-lighting!
- **Robert E. O'Brien, Treasurer:** Bob is once again managing the Village's financial affairs, ensuring fiscal stability, transparency, and responsible future planning.

The Village Board and the community look forward to a successful two years working alongside these committed leaders as they continue to contribute their expertise and dedication to the betterment of North Bay. Please take a moment to thank them for their service the next time you see them!

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

**Website** | The new Village website will be launching soon! It features a fresh design that is also mobile-friendly with a coastal color palette and enhanced accessibility features.

**ASSESSOR** | *Dan McHugh, Affiliated Property Valuations Services, LLC*

**2026 BOARD OF REVIEW** | The Village of North Bay's 2026 Board of Review (BOR) will hold its first meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 11, 2026, at Village Hall. The primary objective of this initial session is to appoint the BOR Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

The BOR is subsequently scheduled to reconvene at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 15, 2026, also at Village Hall. For additional information, please [click here](#).

**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.

**REMINDER: DOG LICENSE APPLICATIONS were DUE APRIL 1ST** | If you have not already licensed your dog(s) this year, please submit your application(s) and fee(s). 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:

[www.vnbwi.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/vnb-dog-license-with-logo-2.19.2026-1.pdf](http://www.vnbwi.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/vnb-dog-license-with-logo-2.19.2026-1.pdf)

## **CONSTABLE** | Rocco Castellano

### **SPRING STORM PREPAREDNESS: STAYING SAFE AS TORNADO SEASON BEGINS**

As we move into spring here in North Bay, the return of warmer weather also marks the start of **tornado and severe storm season**. Taking a few simple steps now can make a major difference when minutes matter. Here's what every household should keep in mind as we head into the months with the highest storm activity.

*Know How You'll Receive Alerts:* Staying informed is the first line of defense during severe weather. Residents are encouraged to use multiple alert sources, including:

- **NOAA Weather Radios** — These provide direct, continuous updates from the National Weather Service and sound an alarm for tornado warnings.
- **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)** — Most cell phones automatically receive these government-issued alerts for life-threatening weather.
- **Local News and Weather Apps** — Many offer real-time radar and customizable notifications.

Relying on more than one method ensures you won't miss critical information if power or cell service is disrupted.

*Understanding Warning Sirens:* Outdoor warning sirens are designed to alert people **who are outside**. They are not intended to be heard indoors, especially during heavy rain or high winds.

In North Bay and surrounding communities, sirens typically sound when:

- A **tornado warning** is issued for the area
- A **tornado or funnel cloud** has been spotted by trained weather observers
- A **severe threat** requires immediate outdoor evacuation or sheltering

If you hear a siren, **go indoors and seek shelter immediately**, then check your preferred alert source for details.

*Identify Your Safe Shelter Location:* Every home, business, and public building should have a designated safe place for tornadoes and severe storms. The safest options include:

- A **basement** or storm cellar
- An **interior room** on the lowest floor, away from windows (bathrooms, closets, hallways)
- A **sturdy building** if you're caught away from home — never shelter in a vehicle or under a highway overpass

If you live in a manufactured or mobile home, plan ahead for a sturdier shelter nearby. These structures cannot withstand tornado-strength winds.

Prepare Your Household: A few proactive steps can help your family respond quickly and confidently:

- Keep a **basic emergency kit** with flashlights, batteries, water, and first-aid supplies.
- Review your **family communication plan**, including where to meet if separated.
- Practice a **storm drill** so everyone knows where to go and what to do.
- Secure outdoor items that could become projectiles during high winds.

Stay Weather-Aware This Spring: Storms can develop quickly in Wisconsin, and early preparation is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones. By staying informed, knowing where to shelter, and understanding how alerts work, North Bay residents can face the season with confidence.

## **VILLAGE HALL** | Clerk Dori A. Panthofer

### **CONTACT INFO**

Visit [www.vnbwi.gov/contacts/](http://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 below. 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/](http://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, May 11th, 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - 2026 Board of Review First Meeting 7:05 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, June 8th, 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i>
Monday, June 15th, 2026 * <i>Third Monday of the month.</i>	5:00 PM - 2026 Board of Review reconvenes 7:05 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting