



FEBRUARY, 2005

# TOWN OF SAUKVILLE

## Chairman's Message . . .

*From Jim Kadow*

Greetings Neighbor!

It is my hope that 2005 is bringing good things to you and your family. We all have a year of opportunity to meet our neighbors and enjoy the common good of life in Saukville.

Last July I was honored to be appointed by the Town Board to finish Terry Hoffmann's term as Town Chairman.

Although I served on the Plan Commission for several years before my appointment, I am sure that some of you don't know me yet. I look forward to meeting many more of you, but until I do I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a few things about myself.

My wife Jane and I have lived on Knollwood Road since 1973. As a person who enjoys outdoor activities I consider the Town an ideal place to live. The Town has unique natural areas, rolling agricultural land, neat farmsteads and lovely vistas. This is a friendly community with many properties held by the same families for generations.

With a population of a little less than 1800 the Town is one of the least populated and undeveloped areas in all of Ozaukee County and enjoys one of the lowest property tax rates in South-eastern Wisconsin.

Your Town Board members are justifiably proud of the contributions Town government makes to the quality of life in the community. I am committed to keep giving you the greatest value for your Town tax dollars while protecting the value of your investment in Town property.

Newsletters like this one help us communicate with you to keep you informed about the activities of your Town government. But, communication is a two-way street. Please never hesitate to contact the Town Hall staff with any questions, concerns or suggestions. You may phone the Town Hall, leave a voice mail message, email us, or attend a Town meeting. Remember, every Town Board and Plan Commission meeting has a time on the agenda for comments from the floor. Or, just come to observe and meet your neighbors. Town government is democracy in its purest form and your participation is always welcome.

I look forward to seeing you all Election Day April 5, 2005.

### **TOWN HALL OPEN**

Monday through Friday from  
9:00 am to 12:00 noon

**Plan Commission Meeting:**  
2nd Tuesday of month 7 pm.

**Town Board Meeting:**  
3rd Tuesday of month 7 pm.

Recycling Center:  
Saturdays 8:00—11:30 a.m.

**Spring Primary Election**  
February 15, 2005

**General Election**  
April 5, 2005

## RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN 2035 TOWN PLAN

How do you envision the future Town of Saukville? Do you fear changes that could take place during the next thirty years or do you welcome them? Would you like to see some things change while other things remain the same? Should the Town find locations for new industries and commercial areas? How much should the Town do to try and stop annexation efforts from the villages adjacent to the Town? How much growth is too much growth? These are some of the questions that will be asked as the 2035 Comprehensive Plan is prepared.

The Town is required by the State to prepare a comprehensive plan to take us to the year 2035. This plan must look at nine different elements:

- Issues & Opportunities
- Housing
- Transportation
- Utilities & Community Facilities
- Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources
- Economic Development
- Intergovernmental cooperation
- Land Use
- Implementation

The Comprehensive Plan must look at all these areas and with public participation, lay out a map of the Town's future by 2008.

This is no small undertaking. In order to share mapping, statistical and other technical resources the Town joined with other Ozaukee County communities and County government to prepare our plan.

Each community will prepare and approve their own Comprehensive Plan; but, to save money and duplication of effort some staffing and technical resources used in preparation of the plan will be shared.

A countywide public opinion survey will be administered to a statistical sample of households in February. Those who are not selected to participate in the survey can get a copy of the survey questions from the Ozaukee county website or the Oscar Grady Library. Survey results will be tabulated and used as a guide in the preparation of the comprehensive Plan.

During 2005 & 2006 Ozaukee County and each local government in the county will hold several informational meetings where the public is invited to participate in the planning process. More about the dates and times of these sessions will be posted on the Town website and published in the Ozaukee Press this summer.

A Public Hearing on the Town of Saukville Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for the Fall of 2007.

### Kick-Off Meetings

Open to Public

Town of Saukville residents may attend any of these meetings

Tuesday, April 19 6:30 p.m.

Town of Cedarburg Town Hall  
Town Board Room  
1293 Washington Ave.  
Cedarburg

Thursday, April 21 6:30 p.m.

Village of Thiensville  
Village Hall Board Room  
250 Elm Street  
Thiensville

Monday, April 25 6:30 p.m.

Village of Fredonia Fire Dept.  
Fire Dept. Meeting Room  
210 S. Milwaukee Street  
Fredonia

Wednesday, April 27 6:30 pm

Village of Saukville  
Village Board Room  
639 East Green Bay Ave.  
Saukville

**Community Surveys** are available at Oscar Grady Library and on the Town website. Any resident may fill out and return a survey. Survey results obtained by random phone calls will be compiled separately from survey results collected from persons who elect to take the survey

## TOWN BOARD EXPANDS INTENT OF R-4 ZONING TO PROVIDE LANDOWNERS WITH AN ALTERNATIVE TO ANNEXATION

The description of R-4 zoning was amended by the Town Board at its December meeting. The intent of the change is to allow greater density of development for parcels of open land that are adjacent to the Village of Saukville, Newburg, and Fredonia.

Property owners with land directly adjacent to the villages are often under pressure to annex their land to the villages where zoning may allow more lots to be created on the parcel.

Townships have little recourse when annexations occur. The land is lost to the tax base of the town and the boundaries of villages continue to push out, absorbing more and more of town lands.

By allowing a single tier of open space development to surround villages, the Town is able to stop future annexation and the developed land remains a part of the Town tax base.

Because the land remains in the Town the development does not extend the village infrastructure like sewer and city water. In addition, the Town retains control over how the development is engineered and laid out.

Property owners who are considering annexation are encouraged to talk with the Town first. The Town Board may be able to offer options that are more attractive to the landowner and better for the future

**The R-4 zoning district** is residential zoning intended as transitional zoning between urban style residential districts and suburban and rural land use.

The district is intended for "open-space development".

An open space development is characterized by a large open area without houses that is often owned in common by all the homeowners in the development.

In addition to a share in the open space, each property owner in an open space development owns a lot where his house sits. Due to the large common area of open land in an R-4 open space development, the individually owned lots are allowed to be 10,000 to 20,000 square feet (approximately ¼ to ½ acre).

## ACCESS TO CABLE TELEVISION & HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICES REMAINS RARE IN TOWNSHIP AS REQUESTS FOR HOOK-UPS INCREASE

A growing number of inquiries have come to the Town concerning the availability of cable TV and high-speed internet access.

Parents of home schooled children, residents who have a home office and those who use the internet recreationally have all expressed interest in subscribing to high-speed internet.

Unfortunately, to date a satellite service is the only option for most Town residents to receive extended

television choices and high-speed internet connection.

Last year the Town entered into a franchise agreement with Time-Warner that allows the cable television provider to lay cable and provide services including high-speed internet to Town residents. The franchise does not require Time-Warner to provide the service, it only allows them to do so.

Time-Warner initially said that they would be laying the infrastructure needed to

offer service to homes north of the Village of Saukville along Co. Hwy O and to a few residents that live on Knollwood and Blue Goose Rd. That work was to be completed by Spring of 2005.

Unfortunately that schedule has been pushed back by Time Warner and no start time for construction has been announced.

The Town Board remains open to providing access to these services if an appropriate method is found.

## Some Building Permit Fees Increased in 2005

Property owners planning new construction in the Town will find some changes in the permitting process this year.

In an effort to prevent construction of new buildings on vacant land that is later found to be a non-conforming lot, a vacant parcel must be certified as a conforming and legal lot by the Town Zoning Administrator before a permit for new construction will be issued by the Building inspec-

tor.

Some building permit fees that have remained level since 2002 will be slightly increased in 2005.

Even with the recent increase Town of Saukville permit fees remain lower than fees in neighboring communities.

Fees for new construction have been raised from 20 cents to 25 cents a square foot.

The permit fees for plumbing fixtures has increased from \$6 per fixture to \$7 per fixture while the \$25 base fee for plumbing permits remains unchanged.

In-ground swimming pool permits have increase \$5.

The permit fee for signs is now \$20.

House address numbers purchased from the Town have increased to \$20

## A Note from Roger Kison, Building Inspector

In the past months we have received requests for various building permits in which the plans and submittals lack certain information. Descriptive handouts and applications are available at the Town Hall. By following the requirements in the handout, it will speed up the permit process. Complete submittals are important, as they are the road map to complete your project. Processing of most building permits will take five to seven working days. Please plan accordingly.

Town of Saukville building permits are required for new siding, air conditioners, furnaces, water heaters and softener replacements. Permits are valid for one year. The Building code states that submittal work shall bestarted within 6 months of the date

of the permit issuance. Permits expire after one year. All projects requiring permits are also required to have rough and final inspections made by the building inspector.

Beginning January 1, 2005 any new permits for stairways require 4" spacing i between spindles. (not 6")

**Note:** Residential roofing projects do not require a permit unless structural work is done; such as rafter replacement, addition of skylights, etc....

The Building Inspection Department noted there is an increasing number of permits that are not being taken out **PRIOR TO STARTING WORK.** This includes Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC permits. Failure to take out a permit prior to starting work can result in a double fee charge. (This charge is noted in the permit.)

If your project is ready for inspection, please call our office at 262-375-1349 to make an appointment for inspection. (Please do not call the Town Hall.) Inspections are scheduled Monday through Friday.

### 2004 Permit Statistics

Building Permits Issued  
156

New Homes Built  
11

## PASER SIMPLIFYS ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PLANNING

PASER is the Wisconsin Department of Transportation tool that allows local governments to inventory their roads and prioritize road maintenance needs.

The current condition of each segment of the approximately 40 miles of town road is rated during the Town Board members' annual road inspection tour each spring. This rating is entered into the PASER system on the Town computer along with details of the road's size and construction. The information is submitted electronically to the Wisconsin DOT once a year as required by law.

The PASER software contains formulas that can calculate expected deterioration rate for various types of road surfaces and simulate what road conditions to expect in five years if various types of repairs or maintenance are done. PASER can be used to plan road repairs and maintenance over a five-year period so that road budget dollars are spent on the most important roads that are in the worst condition. When a segment of a town road is maintained or repaired the PASER rating is changed to reflect the improvement.

A newly constructed asphalt road has an average life expectancy of 25 years. Traffic patterns, the weight of vehicles, drainage patterns and the over-all smoothness of the road are some elements that are used to predict pavement life.

Generally, the least costly method to keep town roads safe and passable is to do general maintenance on a regular schedule. Once a road has deteriorated to the point where it needs major repair work it will cost the Town four to five times more than regular minor maintenance.

## NORTHERN OZAUKEE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION DINNER PLANNED

The Northern Ozaukee Schools' Scholarship Foundation has announced the 2005 Annual Dinner and Dance will be held at The Bog on Saturday April 17th.

Community members are invited to join Scholarship Foundation Board Volunteers for a silent auction, dinner and dancing beginning with a social hour at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$40 and go on sale in February. All profits from the event go toward the Foundation fund and are used to fund scholarships to students from the Northern Ozaukee School District.

In 2004 the Foundation awarded twenty-four scholarships including several named scholarships administered by the Foundation. During the last 13 years foundation equity has increased from \$102,000 in 1997 to \$669,305. During the same time period cumulative scholarship awards grew from \$38,900 to \$84,875.

The NOSD Scholarship foundation is supported by individual gifts. All contributions are directly applied to the fund and are used to fund scholarships. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to Scholarship Foundation, Northern Ozaukee School .

District, 401 Highland Drive, Fredonia, WI 53021

For more information or tickets to the dinner contact Dan Olsen at [dolson@nosd.edu](mailto:dolson@nosd.edu) or phone 262-692-2489.

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3762 Lakeland Drive  
Saukville, WI 53080

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Permit # 11

**DOG LICENSES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL  
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or five months of age within the license year. A \$5.00 late fee will be charged if you fail to obtain a license prior to April 1<sup>ST</sup> or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog. State law requires that dogs over five months of age be vaccinated against rabies. Please contact the Town Hall for a form and mail it along with the proper fee and a self-addressed stamped business-sized envelope to Saukville Town Hall. (Only one such envelope is required for tax receipt and dog license.) If this is a new dog, or if the old certificate has expired, include a copy of the "Certificate of Rabies Vaccination" from your veterinarian

Neutered Males or Spayed Females -- \$3.00  
Males or Females -- \$8.00

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