

NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF SAUKVILLE

Chairman's Message . . .

Terry Hoffman, Chairman

June 2002 Issue

Hello to All!

The Annual Town meeting, held on April 18th, was well attended. Chief Waldkirch of the Newburg Fire Department presented a report on the number of calls responded to for the year and summarized the equipment needs of his department. He touched on the subject of volunteering and described the problems he is having recruiting and retaining fire personnel. The Department is always in need of volunteers to serve as firemen and rescue workers. He stated that in this day and age it has become very difficult to find men and women willing to volunteer their time. Sheriff Maury Straub also gave a report on law enforcement issues in the County and answered questions from those in attendance. I would like to thank both Chief Waldkirch and Sheriff Straub for the fine job they do in keeping our Town and County a good place to live. Clerk Walter Clarke presented the annual financial report. He discussed the progress the town has had in keeping taxes stable and reducing the general fund surplus.

The Town Board has approved some recommendations from the Plan Commission regarding creation of a section within the Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of sign regulations. This will not affect those temporary seasonal signs for fall pumpkin sales. Also passed are ordinance revisions under Table 3.0503 to address storage and archery range issues associated with Tendick Nature Park. The passage of this ordinance will allow this County Park located on Hwy O, to store and repair their park maintenance vehicles on site and also provide an archery range for public use. Creating Section 3.0210 of the Town of Saukville Zoning Ordinance regarding Open Space Conservation Developments will help maintain agricultural uses and protect our natural resources.

Additional outdoor lighting was installed for safety and security reasons. The parking lot is now lit to assure a safe walkway for those who use the building in the evenings, in addition to our regularly scheduled monthly meetings. We will be looking into have the building painted during the summer or fall months to keep the town hall in good shape.

Enjoy the summer and all the activities that go along with it!

OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 28th:

Old Tyme Fiddler's Contest—Grounds Open 12-5 Contest 1:30 Held at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village—Come one. . .Come all!

Monday, August 12th:

"Oz. Co. Pioneer Village—A Photographic Journey" with Ed Rappold. Quarterly Meeting & Program, held at the Grafton Multi-Purpose Center at 7pm.

Saturday, August 31 & Sunday,

September 1st:

Revolutionary War Re-enactment & Encampment, Daily 10—5, Held at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village.

Saturday, September 28th:

Ozaukee Co. Pedestrian/Bicyclist Trail Grand Opening. Watch for upcoming details!

Tuesday, November 12th:

"Will Rogers Now" A Tribute to Will Rogers—7PM. Quarterly Meeting and Program at the Country Inn Suites CONFERENCE CENTER BALLROOM.

Please direct any questions or Inquiries to the OCHS at 262-37704510 or to Curt Gruenwald, PO Box 206, Cedarburg, WI 53012

**A MESSAGE
FROM THE
BUILDING
INSPECTOR'S
OFFICE**

**PLANNING
A
SUMMER
BUILDING
PROJECT?**

Summer is finally right around the corner and many of you may be thinking about getting started on home improvement projects. If you are anticipating a construction project, descriptive handouts and permit applications are available at Town Hall. Building permits are required for additions, alterations, air conditioners, decks, furnaces, garages, pole buildings, pools, signs, storage sheds, water heaters and softeners. These permits are valid for one year only. After one year the permit expires. All projects requiring permits are also required to have rough and/or final inspections made by the building inspector. If your project is ready for inspection, or you have questions or concerns about a proposed project, please call our office at:

262-375-1349.

Dave Phillipps



**VISITING THE LIBRARY VIA THE
INTERNET**

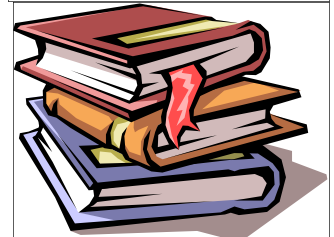
The Eastern Shores Library System consists of 13 public libraries in Ozaukee and Sheboygan Counties, the Eastern Shores Bookmobile, and Lakeland College. The mission of the Eastern Shores Library System is "to improve and extend public library service to all residents of the library system" and during 2001 they made it more convenient to use. Many residents of the two counties live in areas that do not have a public library. In the past customers had to come to the library to see if a specific item was owned and if it was currently on the shelf at that library. All that has changed with the implementation of the EasiCat, an acronym for **E**astern **S**hores **I**nformation **C**atalog. All customers

everywhere can now travel "electronically" via the online catalog at:

www.easicat.net.

When the item they want is located, they can place holds on them and select the library that is the most convenient as the pickup location. The library will contact them when the item is delivered there. The Eastern Shores delivery van delivers items among all of the libraries five days a week. One card can be used at all libraries. One central database holds all of the registered borrowers in the Eastern Shores Library System. The EasiCat is also available at the public libraries. Staff at the libraries can help customers learn how to use the new cata-

log. In addition to searching the library's catalog, customers can also view their patron record online. They can see how many items they have checked out, when they are due, how many items they have on hold and where they are in the hold queue. You can even renew them on-line! This information is secured with a password. Log on today or ask your local library staff for assistance. You'll love the quick convenience!



NEWS RELEASE: Ozaukee Interurban Trail to Open

Ozaukee County is currently constructing the Ozaukee Interurban Trail, which is an approximately 30-mile paved trail that extends the entire length of Ozaukee County. This trail will follow the old interurban rail line that ran from downtown Milwaukee to downtown Sheboygan. The new Interurban Trail will run from the Milwaukee County line to the Sheboygan County line, connecting existing bicycle trails along the way. Allowable uses on the multiuse trail include walking, running, bicycling, rollerblading and cross-country skiing.

The grand opening of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail is Saturday September 28, 2002! Join the celebration at the Ozaukee Justice Center (1201 South Spring Street, Port Washington) from noon until 3 p.m. The Ribbon cutting ceremony is at 1 p.m.

Activities will be provided for the entire family. Join us for food, beverage, entertainment and fun!



TOWN QUIZ

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT TOWN GOVERNMENT IN WISCONSIN? MAYBE LESS THAN YOU THINK. TAKE THE FOLLOWING QUIZ TO FIND OUT, AND LEARN SOME SURPRISING FACTS ALONG THE WAY.

1. While most people think of towns as thinly-populated, rural communities, well over 100 towns have populations in excess of 2,500 (by comparison, the average village in Wisconsin has a population of 1,500). What percentage of Wisconsin’s overall population lives in towns?
- About:
- a) 10%
 - b) 15%
 - c) 30%

Answer: C; In 1995, Wisconsin had about 5.1 million residents, of which 1.55 million lived in towns. This means towns are home to 30.4% of Wisconsin’s total population.

2. Some city and village leaders charge that town residents are essentially “freeloaders” who consume services that they don’t pay for. Is it true that town property taxpayers carry a disproportionately small share of the state’s overall property tax burden?
- a) Yes, town residents tend to be freeloaders
 - b) No, town residents pay a fair share of taxes

Answer: B; Town residents do, in fact, pay a proportionate share of total property taxes. Property taxes levied for all purposes (municipal, county, school and other) amounted to nearly \$5.4 billion in 1996, and of this amount, town taxpayers paid over \$1.6 billion, or about 30.3% of the total tax bill. Town taxpayers pay relatively small amounts for municipal purposes (town budgets demanded only \$121 per capita in 1996, compared to \$322 per capita for village budgets and \$343 per capita for city budgets), Yet the fact is that town taxpayers (who are 30% of the population) paid 35% of K-12 school taxes and 39% of county taxes. In other words, townspeople paid more than a proportionate share of school and county tax levies.

Because towns picked up this larger percentage of school and county levies, the overall town share of Wisconsin’s property tax bill is about equal to the town share of the state’s population. Thus, the charge that town residents fail to carry their fair share of the property tax load in not borne out by the data.

3. Each year, the state government distributes nearly \$1.2 billion to cities, villages and towns through the “shared revenue” and other aid distribution formulas that are funded from state income, sales and other tax programs. Do town governments get a relatively thin slice of the state aid pie?
- a) Yes, state aid distribution formulas tend to favor cities and villages
 - b) No, the state distributes most aids on a proportionate basis

Answer: A; Towns keep their budgets low in spite of the fact that they get a relatively thin slice of the \$1.2 billion the state distributes annually to municipalities through state aid formulas. For example, in 1996 towns received only \$125 per capita from state aid programs, compared to \$206 per resident for villages and \$296 per capita for cities. Cities also fared far better than towns in terms of federal aids.

4. Town officials often complain about the disruptive effect annexations can have on their finances and operations. But are they exaggerating the scale of the problem? On average, how often are annexation petition filed in Wisconsin?

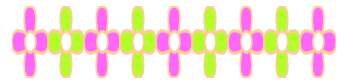
- About:
- a) Once a month
 - b) Once a week
 - c) Once a day

Answer: C; Annexation are—literally-- an everyday occurrence in Wisconsin. In recent years, annexation petitions have been filed at a rate of 361 in 1993; 381 in 1994; 410 in 1995; 369 in 1996 and they continued at the same pace in 1997.

(Article courtesy of Wisconsin Town’s Association)

Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.

Corrie Ten Boom



Strawberry season is upon us so we thought it was a good idea to include a recipe for jam in our newsletter. Kay Danielson has provided her favorite jam recipe which was given to her by Esther Auer. Make enough to give as gifts!

Strawberry-Rhubarb Jam

Mix 5 cups of cut up Rhubarb and 3 cups of sugar. Let stand overnight.

Cook 10 minutes. Add 2 packages strawberry (or raspberry) jello.

Put into containers. May freeze to keep.



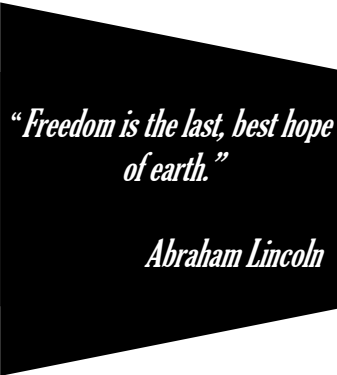
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Constable: Mark Dickmann
Building Inspector/Zoning Adm.
Dave Phillipps

Important Dates to Remember

Plan Commission Meetings:
2nd Tuesdays of the Month
Town Board Meetings:
3rd Tuesdays of the Month

**Office Closed:
Week-ends and
Holidays**

**Website:
www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/
TownSaukville**

**Email us at:
tsauk@execpc.com**

RECYCLING NEWS

The Town Hall recycling and garbage disposal facility located behind the town hall building at 3762 Lakeland Drive is open on Saturdays from 8 am to 11:30 am. Recycling is free and the per bag charge for a thirty (30) gallon garbage can or bag is \$1.00. Larger bags will be \$1.50 to \$2.00. Other items will be charged as shown:

- Bag Ashes—\$3.00
- Couches- \$15.00
- Hide-a-beds—\$20.00
- Mattress (sm) - \$8.00
- Mattress (lg) - \$15.00
- Stuffed Chair—\$10.00
- Small T.V.—13” - \$5.00
- Med T.V.— 16-10” - \$10.00
- LG. T.V.—\$15.00-\$20.00
- Misc. Wood @\$25.00 CY
- Carpeting @\$20.00 CY

Any items not listed or larger sizes of bags or cans will be assessed by the custodian at

fair market prices. If Saukville residents cannot make it to the Saukville Center on Saturdays they will be allowed to bring their garbage and recycling to Arrow’s Port Washington facility at 3860 Hwy H from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday at the same rates.

DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE

Yard waste is defined in law to mean leaves, grass clippings, yard and garden debris and brush, including clean, woody vegetative material no greater than 6” in diameter. Burning of clean yard waste is allowed in the town but we ask that you call the Newburg Fire Department’s non-emergency number to let them know you will be burning. In addition, you may want to contact some of your closer neighbors to let them know, so they don’t think your house is on fire and call 911.

RECYCLING YOUR USED CELL PHONE

There are a number of organizations that want your old cell phone. Two organizations that have come to the attention of the recycling staff at the DNR are listed below. Department staff contacted both organizations to confirm that the programs were still active and to verify addresses. Both programs expressed interest in having their program publicized through the DNR Recycling Newsletter.

Call to Protect:

C/O Motorola, Inc.
1580 Ellsworth Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
www.donateaphone.com

CollectiveGood International

4551 NW 44th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34482
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