



SEPTEMBER, 2006

# TOWN OF SAUKVILLE

## Chairman's Message . . .

... From Jim Kadow

Have you ever heard the tale of the tortoise and the hare?

I like to think of the Town as the tortoise. A tortoise moves forward deliberately at a measured pace. He thinks long and hard about changes to his path. The tortoise likes to take time to enjoy the scenery and smell the roses. The turtle takes time to plan. The tortoise knows that speedy decisions and rapid growth are not always the best way to win the race or the best way to control taxes.

In my version of this story, the Village of Saukville is like the hare. The hare is never happy unless he is in motion. He moves forward in great spurts of exuberant growth. As he speeds on his way, the hare sees rural vistas as a waste of space. He sees more of everything as a good thing: more people, more traffic, more industry, more gas stations and more fast food joints. The hare wants four lanes of open highway and an unimpeded path toward more of everything. If that growth results in higher taxes and a ruined environment, well that is not the concern of the hare, so long as he wins the race with Mequon and Grafton and Port Washington.

Since the beginning of our Township in the mid 1800's, Town government has been on the path of protecting our rural life-style and keeping destructive, unplanned growth to a minimum. The Town remains dedicated to protection of natural resources by leaving our fellow creatures space and peace. The Town has remained consistent, committed to family farms and old stone houses, roads you can walk down and evenings filled with the sounds of crickets, not traffic.

We have all come to believe that our quality of life will continue forever. But preserving the things that matter to us as a community takes work. Your town government cannot do anything alone. Each of us needs to educate ourselves. We need to learn what strengths we have to defeat the hare. We need to educate ourselves in the Long Range Planning process. We need to encourage our fellow tortoises to stay the course and not sell out to developers who race to growth and profit. We need to keep an open mind toward creative solutions to stop the hare.

If we do not all work together and use whatever tools are available to slow down the hare, then what happens in the next 18 months in our township will set the stage for the loss, acre by acre, of our community's identity. If the tortoise loses this race, then it is lost for every person in the Town and the Village that doesn't want to be just another part of the urban sprawl that is quickly gobbling

### **TOWN HALL OPEN**

Weekdays - 9 am to noon

### **Plan Commission Meeting:**

2nd Tuesday of month 7 pm.

### **Town Board Meeting:**

3rd Tuesday of month 7 pm.

### **Partisan Primary**

Sept. 12, 2006

### **General Election**

November 7, 2006

### **Recycling Center:**

Saturdays 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

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up our County.

You can help by participating in the long range planning process and viewing the 2035 plans at Town Hall by attending Village meetings where joint extra-territorial issues are discussed, by writing letters to the editor and to your representatives in Madison expressing your thoughts about the galloping pace of uncontrolled growth.

Just like our tale -- until we reach the finish line all bets are on the hare. But while the race is run, the tortoise is asking for your help.

## JETZCO

Joint-Extraterritorial Zoning Committee (JETZCO) is a committee that was set up after the Village imposed a zoning freeze. It includes representatives from the Town and the Village.

Currently, the Village is seeking a boundary agreement with the Town for lands within a mile and a half of the Village borders. The Town always encourages citizen interest and participation. If you would like more information, please stop by the Town Hall. There are hand-outs available for you.

If Town Citizens wish to create an informal group concerned with this issue there is a sign up sheet in the Town Hall for the convenience of any one who wishes to be kept up to date on JETZCO issues.

## Elections: New Statewide Voter Registration System

Beginning with the September 12, 2006 Primary Election, all municipalities in Ozaukee County will be using the new voter registration system required by the 2000 Federal "Help America Vote Act". New registration forms have been available to voters on a voluntary basis prior to 2006 and are now mandatory prior to voting as of this year. Many voters have already completed registration, though some forms may have missing information. If you have not completed the new registration form, you may do it on Election Day. Please bring a least two forms of identification showing residence in the town for at least 10 days and be prepared to give your driver's license number if you have one. We will try to minimize any delays.

Voters can update their registration information at the Town Hall during Town Hall hours.

If you've followed news articles on this process, you know that it has been difficult and we have had to deal with ever-changing mandates, forms and procedures.

Town voters have been patient and the election workers are appreciative. We need to get over this hurdle to prevent voter fraud and assure the integrity of our democratic process. We at Town Hall appreciate your continued cooperation and support.



Also, the Town is always looking for people who would like to work the elections. If you are interested, you can call the Town Hall with your name and whether you would like to work the morning shift from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or the afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It pays \$10 per hour and lunch or dinner (depending on your shift) is catered!

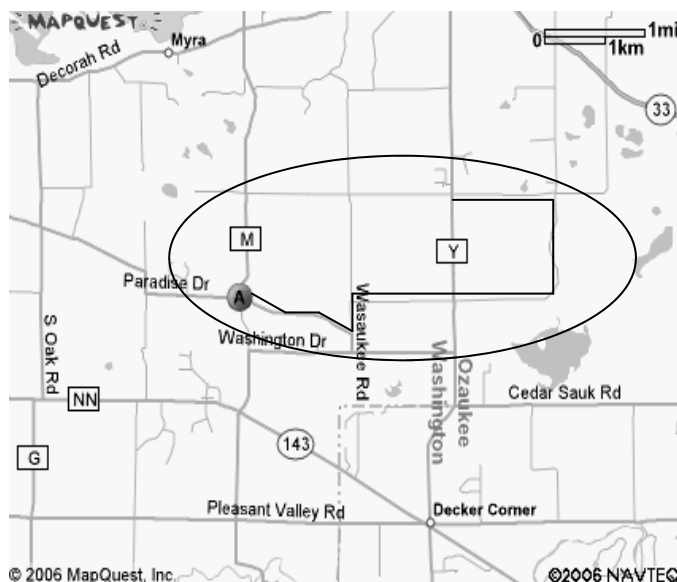
Walt Clarke, Town Clerk

The Rustic Roads Board, a division of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, has approved the St. Augustine/Blue Goose/Knollwood the extension Rustic Road 52 during their July 31, 2006 meeting. These roads are now being added to the statewide system of Rustic Roads.

The approved addition begins at the intersection of County Y and St. Augustine Road and proceeds in an easterly direction on St. Augustine Road for approximately .92 miles until its intersection with Blue Goose Road. The Route continues on Blue Goose Road for approximately 1.05 miles in a northerly direction until its intersection with Knollwood Road. The route continues on Knollwood in a westerly direction for 1.01 miles until its intersection with County Y.

The Rustic Roads Board has designated this 2.98 mile route as an extension to R-52 since it is nearby the existing rustic road.

Due to budget restraints, the Wisconsin DOT is not able to provide the Rustic Road signs or their installations for designated routes. However, the DOT will make the signs available for purchase through the Town government. If



It looks like a map but you could call it a wish list.

As a part of activities related to planning for 2035, town officials and planners drew up a new map of the township. Rather than showing the Town as it is now, this map shows what the Town should look like in 2035.

It took several months to create the map. First, town officials identified eight different types of land use and defined what uses would be best suited to each land use type. The land use types are:

- Agricultural
- Countryside Estate Residential
- Rural Neighborhood Residential
- Closed Subdivision
- Existing Open Space
- Institutional
- Commercial
- Industrial

Next, the existing and future needs of the township were considered to determine how much land needed to be devoted to each land use category. The best areas of the town for the various types land use were identified.

Finally, each region of the map was designated by color as best suited to a specific land use.

The next step toward adopting the future land use map is a public hearing before the October 10<sup>th</sup> Plan Commission meeting.

The draft map and a booklet explaining the various land use types by section is on display for public review in the Town Hall during regular office hours during September.

## Ask The Zoning Administrator

**Q. What is annexation and why are properties annexed?**

**A.** Annexation is the process of transferring territory from the jurisdiction of towns or counties into the jurisdiction of cities and villages. Historically, the purpose of annexation law has been to allow villages and cities to grow into what were large tracts of open land. Towns do not annex. Property owners who want a higher level of municipal services like city water or sewer service may wish to join a neighboring village or city that offers a service they need. Another reason for annexation is to allow property to be developed with a higher density of new lots or to allow a commercial, industrial or other business use that would not be permitted if the property remained under a township's jurisdiction.

**Q. How is a property annexed? Can a neighboring village or city annex property if the landowner does not wish to be annexed?**

**A.** Although Chapter 66 of the State Statutes allows a city or village to initiate an annexation under certain circumstances, it is a rare event. Almost all annexations, including past annexations from the Town into our neighboring villages, are undertaken at the request of the property owner or owners. The process begins with a petition requesting annexation with the signatures of all the property owners and all the electors (another name for the people who actually reside on the property). When completed, this petition is filed with the clerk of city or village and a copy of the petition is sent to the Department of Administration (DOA) in Madison and the school district. There is no requirement to notify the Town that an annexation is sought. The DOA reviews the request but has no authority to stop it in most instances. The village acts either to refuse the request or to accept it by adopting an ordinance adopted by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of the village board. Then the village notifies the Town Clerk, the Secretary of State in Madison, the utility companies, the County Register of Deeds and the affected schools that the property is no longer in the Town.

Annexation of larger blocks of land involving several landowners and electors may also be accomplished by one-half approval. In this case, a dissenting property owner could be included in an annexation if a majority of the surrounding landowners and electorate favored the annexation.

**Q. What can the Town do to stop the annexation of Town property into the Villages?**

**A.** The Wisconsin State Statutes are pretty clear. Section 66.0217(11)(c) states: "No action on any grounds, whether procedural or jurisdictional to contest the validity of an annexation under sub.(2) may be brought by any town." The best way towns can stop annexations is to provide a jurisdictional environment where land owners have no wish to annex and never petition a village for annexation in the first place. One way to do this is for a town to allow higher density development near villages. Another method is for a town to reach an agreement with a village concerning which properties will be attached in the future and how those properties will be developed.

## Clean Sweep: Ozaukee Hazardous Waste Program

Ozaukee County has received Clean Sweep Grants to collect Household Hazardous Waste and Agricultural Hazardous Waste in Ozaukee County.

**Household Hazardous Waste** will be accepted on Saturday September 9, 2006 from 9 a.m. to noon. *Latex paint, drain oil, electronics and computers will not be accepted.*

**Agriculture Hazardous Waste** will be accepted Friday September 8, 2006 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday September 9, 2006 from 9 a.m. to noon. *Farmers and current owners of farm chemicals wishing to use these collection services must pre-register by contacting the Ozaukee county UW-Extension office by September 1, 2006.*

**Business Hazardous Waste** will be accepted Friday September 8, 2006 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Nearly any business may be able to dispose of unwanted chemicals for a fee through Wisconsin Clean Sweep as long as the business is a "Very Small Quantity Generator" (VSQG). *Businesses must pre-register by contacting the Ozaukee County UW-Extension office by September 1, 2006. Pre-registration will include a disposal price quote by ONYX.*

### Collection Site:

Ozaukee County Highway Department  
410 South Spring Street  
Port Washington

**Annual Used Tire Collection** Ozaukee County will conduct its annual countywide used-tire collection on Saturday November 4, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds. *Please contact the UW-Extension office for disposal prices.*

For additional information, collection guidelines or a list of acceptable items, please visit [www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/hhw](http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/hhw) or contact UW-Extension, Ozaukee County at (262) 284-8288.

## The Cedarburg Bog

Are you interested in teaching your children about nature? How about keeping the environment clean? Have you walked the trail and wondered who takes care of it for our visiting pleasure?

Volunteers make it all happen! It's a great way to make a difference in the Town of Saukville. You can help keep the natural area a perfect habitat for so many insects, birds, small mammals, and for visitors to enjoy. Plus, you can teach little ones the importance of keeping the environment clean, about bugs, birds, and all other Southeastern Wisconsin creatures.

If you are interested in volunteering and becoming a member, you can contact

Friends at the Bog, Inc.  
c/o University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Field Station  
3095 Blue Goose Road  
Saukville, WI 53080  
262-675-6844

## From The Fire Chief's Desk

Another Newburg Picnic has come and gone. I want to thank each and every one of you who volunteered to help the fire fighters makes this years the best picnics ever. From the parade to the good food and refreshments, everything was great! All the up-beat comments I received proved it couldn't have been better. A heart filled "THANK YOU" to all of you who helped us out or supported us in any way.

I do want to just touch on another subject. On June 15, 2006 at 5 p.m., the fire department received a call of a house fire on Salisbury Street in the Village of Newburg. When we arrived, we had laid a large diameter hose from Main Street to the house that was on fire, thus blocking Division Street. Before we could get a police officer there, or park one of our fire trucks to block off the road, about 6 cars and trucks drove over the fire hose.

Driving over any fire hose can *weaken* the hose, causing the hose to burst at a critical time when it is needed, possibly putting the fire fighters in harms way., Another reason not to drive over a fire hose: It is against the law! According to State Statute 346.91, the fine would be \$168.00 and two points off your license. Is it worth it?

—Chief Peter J Waldkirch

Looking for information on fire departments? Check out <http://www.newburgfirerescue.com/> It's full of information on the fire department and their volunteers. You can read about the history of the department, as well as fire safety. There are also pictures of the Fireman's Picnic!

## Who Is Behind The Signs?

In case you haven't heard who is behind the potentially life-saving reflective address signs at the edge of your property, her name is Phyllis Carrier. She is an EMT with the Saukville Fire Department and a resident of the Town of Saukville.

After looking at a list of emergency calls that came in during 2005, she came up with a proposal to install the address signs to make it easier and more visible for help to get to where they needed to go. After all, it gets pretty dark out here!

Phyllis organized everything to get this done. She found price quotes, went in front of the board, gathered volunteers to erect the stakes and attach the signs we see today. She even had breakfast and lunch served on the first day of work for all of those who gave up some time to do this.

As of the end of July, the rest of the signs were delivered to the fire departments that have been offering their time and sweat to ensure safety for every Town citizen. The Fredonia, Waubeka, Newburg and Saukville Fire Departments have worked on this project together.

If you don't have your sign up yet, or it has been damaged by vandalism, you will have it as soon as possible. With the sweltering heat that we have endured this summer, it's been difficult to get out there in the sun and humidity. Although with the summer coming to a close, all of the volunteers are hoping to have everyone's address signs up by the time you read this.

# Open Burning: What You Should Know

Although a permit is not required in the Town of Saukville for open burning in your yard, you should contact the fire department's non-emergency number to let them know that you will be starting a fire. No fire is ever really controlled. A flame could lick something nearby when your eyes look away for a second. The fire department would be ready in case you need to call.

## What Is Open Burning?

Open burning is defined as burning any combustible material outdoors without any air pollution controls in place. Burning in an unconfined area, a container or a pile are all considered to be open burning.

## Burn Barrels

Burn barrels are legal for the use of burning leaves, plant clippings, paper, cardboard and clean untreated wood. Since the barrels burn at a low temperature (400-500°), the combustion is incomplete, leaving residual ash at the bottom. The ash can cause problems in the future, such as getting into ground and/or surface water after being dumped out.

## Why Avoid It

State law currently allows people to burn small amounts of dry leaves and brush. However, *you should try to avoid burning leaves whenever possible*. Here are a few reasons why:

The smoke generated by a large number of simultaneous leaf fires can cause significant health problems.

The smoke can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat of a healthy adult. It can be much worse for children, elderly, and those with asthma or other lung or hear diseases due to the tiny particles reaching down into the lung tissue, causing coughing, wheezing, chest pain and shortness of breath. These symptoms may not occur until several days after exposure to large amounts of smoke.

Carbon monoxide, one of the chemicals emitted, binds with hemoglobin in the bloodstream, reducing the amount of oxygen in the blood and lungs. It is especially dangerous to smokers, elderly, and people with chronic lung and heart diseases.

Benzoprene, another chemical, is known to cause cancer in animals and is believed to be a major factor in lung cancer caused by cigarette smoke. It is found in cigarette smoke and tar, as well as leaf smoke.

High concentrations of air pollutants resulting from leaf burning can be so high that the air doesn't meet federal health standards. Sometimes the air pollution is much higher from leaf burning than all other forms of air pollution combined.

With the autumn coming around the corner, open burning is not a good way to dispose of fallen leaves. Instead of burning, you can:

**Compost** leaves and plant clippings. You can reduce the volume of leaves significantly by shredding them before composting. Composting is a natural way to recycle, and it's great for gardens.

**Chip** brush and clean wood to make mulch or decorative chips that would otherwise cost a fortune at the hardware store.

## Keep That Repellent OUT!

It starts in May; the little parasites come out to live off your blood. With each rain storm, puddles become breeding grounds for the pestering mosquitoes. With each slap on you arm or leg, the thought of West Nile Virus may swarm your mind.

West Nile Virus is usually transmitted to birds, but it may infrequently infect humans and domesticated animals. Less than 1% of the mosquito population where West Nile Virus was found actually were infected. Also, less than 1% of the people bitten with an infected mosquito will become sick.

To ease your mind of possibly being bit by an infected bugger, or to reduce the irritating itchy bumps through *November*, here are some tips to keep the monsters at bay:

- Try to stay indoors from dusk to dawn
- Stay away from weeds, tall grass or bushes where mosquitoes may be present at any time of day
- Wear protective clothing such as long pants, loose-fitting long-sleeved shirts and socks
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET
- With children, use repellents containing 10% or less DEET
- Apply enough repellent to cover exposed skin and clothing
- Reapply repellents every 4 hours or less
- Check to make sure doors and windows have tightly fitted screens (repair or replace any screens with tears or holes to sleep mosquito free)

Since our spring and summer months are know for rain during a normal Wisconsin year, you may want to look around you yard for potential breeding grounds. Mosquitoes need standing water to breed. Here are some things to look for when you are out working in the yard.

- Eliminate standing water
- Remove discarded tires that could hold water and empty tire swings after it rains
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or any other containers left outside
- Ensure rain gutters drain properly – clean gutters in spring, fall, and when they are clogged
- Change water in bird baths every 3-4 days
- Turn over plastic wading pools and wheels barrows when not in use
- Keep pools and hot tubs clean and chlorinated
- Keep covered or empty when not in use
- Encourage your neighbors to do the same

If you have concerns about a potential breeding habitat, contact the Public Health Department.

For more information, visit [www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/whealth/issues/wnv.htm](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/whealth/issues/wnv.htm)

For more information on using insect repellents, visit

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/citizens/insectrp.htm#choosing>

## Just For Kids!

### An Endangered Critter Near You!

Have you heard about a special dragonfly living here? They are a special insect that was discovered at the Cedarburg Bog in 1999. They are only found within four states in the country, and Wisconsin is one of them. Ozaukee County is one of three counties that are home to these critters.

The federal government is planning to set aside 8,500 acres of land between Door County and Ozaukee to create a protected sanctuary for the **Hine's Emerald Dragonfly**. This will also help make the dragonflies' home easily known for everyone to be cautious.

#### What do they look like?

The Hine's Emerald Dragonfly is a visually unique dragonfly. The body of an adult is about the length of the short side of a playing card (60-65 mm), and the wingspan is the length of a crayon (90-95 mm). The eyes are a bright emerald green, the wings are transparent (clear), and the center of the body (thorax) is dark brown and metallic green with two yellow lines along the side of the body.

The larvae (not an egg, not an adult) are about the length of a



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

quarter (25 mm). They are light to dark brown and covered in coarse hair (setae - 'sE-"tE) to retain water for long periods of time. The hair also helps them move to areas with water when the water dries up.

#### What is their home like?

The dragonfly larvae live in cool, shallow, and slow moving waters. In fact, the water is only a few centimeters deep! The larvae may live in this stage in the water for 2 to 4 years.

The adults tend to fly over open areas of floral and appetizing vegetation, and sometimes they fly over the roads. They also fly over meadows and fields with scattered bushes near their breeding habitat. They only live as an adult for 5 – 6 weeks. Depending on the weather, the flight season runs from early July through August. Watch for them next summer!

#### What do they eat?

The Hine's Emerald Dragonfly is considered an *opportunistic* predator. This means they do not rely on a specific insect for their diet. Like us, they have a nice variety of food to fill their bellies. They like to eat those pesky mosquitoes and deerflies, flying ants, flies, and larvae (lar - vah).

The larvae eat pretty much the same as their parents, except they have to eat what is on the ground until they grow their wings. They feed on small in-

sect larvae, such as mosquitoes and other dragonfly larvae, worms, small fish, and snails.

#### Who feasts on them?

The dragonfly is also hunted by many creatures, too. They have to watch out for crayfish, birds, lizards, frogs, spiders, fish, and water bugs. All dragonflies have great eyesight and can see all around them, allowing them to respond quickly to get away from danger. If you have watched a dragonfly cruise through the air, you know how swift they soar.

#### Why are they on endangered list?

Their habitats are being destroyed. Most of the wetland habitats that they are depending on for survival are being drained or has been used for urban and industrial development.

Also, contaminations of their homes by pesticides or other pollutants are threatening their habitats. They depend on clean wetlands and streams, with excellent water quality to grow into an adult and grow their specie.

Since they are on the **federally endangered species** list, you are not allowed to touch or handle them. It is also illegal to kill them, even by accident. So if you see one, let them be.

As long as you see a Hine's Emerald Dragonfly fluttering about, you know there is a clean natural area near you.

Town of Saukville  
3762 Lakeland Drive  
Saukville, WI 53080

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U.S. Postage Paid  
Grafton, WI  
Permit # 11

**DOG LICENSES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL  
JAN. 1<sup>ST</sup>,**

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 -- \$5.00  
Males or Females -- \$10.00

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