



NORTH BAY NEWS

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SPECIAL ELECTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2024 7AM - 8PM | The Special Election to fill the office of Racine County Executive is this Thursday! Poll hours are 7 AM to 8PM. Please bring a valid photo ID.

TREASURER | Robert E. O'Brien

2024 TAX BILL | The 2024 property tax bills were mailed to North Bay property owners Wednesday December 4th. If you need another copy of your bill, please email the Village Treasurer at vnbtreasurer@northbay-wi.us or retrieve it from the Racine County website [Racine County's MyTaxBill](#).

Please **include** your tax bill pay stub with your payment. If your escrow amount is greater than the full tax bill, the Village will issue you a refund check. A refund check is issued within approximately 15 business days.

TAX PAYMENT PROCESS

Information on how to pay the tax bill appears on the tax bill insert and the Village website. A few key points appear below.

- **Property tax payment mailing address: Village of North Bay, 3615 Hennepin Place, Racine, WI 53402.**
- Taxpayers requiring receipt of payment are encouraged to use Racine County's MyTaxBill web app or provide an email address with payment.
- Copies of tax bills can be obtained online using [Racine County's MyTaxBill](#) web app.
- Tax payments will show up in the Racine County system as soon as they are receipted.
- For questions on tax bills or payments, please contact the Village Treasurer, Robert O'Brien at 262-681-0898 or vnbtreasurer@northbay-wi.us.

Please note, if you fail to pay either your first installment or the full amount of your tax bill by January 31, the full bill becomes due, and interest and penalties accrue on the unpaid amount starting on February 1.

If you plan to pay in installments, any payments made after January 31 MUST be made to the Racine County Treasurer at the Racine County Courthouse, 730 Wisconsin Avenue.

Please email Treasurer O'Brien (vnbtreasurer@northbay-wi.us) if you have questions on the tax collection process or details behind the Village Budget.

LOTTERY & GAMING CREDIT | If your North Bay home was your primary residence as of January 1, 2024, look at your tax bill to verify the credit was applied or check the [Lottery Credit Finder](#). The 2024 Lottery & Gaming Credit can only be claimed for one property and cannot be claimed by renters or on business property, rental units, vacant land, garages or other property that is not the primary residence of the owner. To add or remove the credit from the

2024 tax bill, contact the Village Treasurer at vnbtreasurer@northbay-wi.us or 262-681-0898 no later than January 31st, 2025.

DOG LICENSES | All dogs in Racine County are required 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. 2025 Dog license applications were mailed with your property tax bill. You may also [click here](#) to download it.



CONSTABLE | *Rocco Castellano*



A MESSAGE FROM ROCCO | Happy holidays to my North Bay neighbors. I am wishing you all a holiday season filled with joy, prosperity, and happiness. I am also excited to serve North Bay in my new role as Constable alongside my wonderful and talented neighbors.

I would like to thank Kristin Wright for years of service and her contributions will always be valued and remembered. Her hard work, commitment, and dedication are worthy of our admiration. Kristin will be greatly missed and filling her shoes will be an almost impossible task.

To reach me, please text, call or email. My cell phone number is (312) 925-0907 and the Village email is: vnbconstable@northbay-wi.us.

SAFETY TIPS FROM POLICE CHIEF SHARRETT

VACATION ALERTS

Residents who are traveling are encouraged to notify their neighbor(s) and the Wind Point Police Department to pay special attention to your home while you are away.

"Always remember, if you see something, say something" If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chief Tommy Sharrett at: police@windpoint.org.



WINTER DRIVING

With increased Holiday travel and the potential for inclement weather, please remember that driving conditions can change in an instant. Below are tips from the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration** that may help keep you safe on the road this season.

- Check the weather before you leave. Assess road conditions & traffic.
- Always remain vigilant while driving.
- Drive slowly in the winter– it takes longer to slow your vehicle on an icy, wet, or snowy surface.
- Allocate extra time for travel during the winter to compensate for driving more slowly.

- Either drive behind a snowplow or use caution whenever passing one. Never crowd a snowplow, and do not drive next to one other than for passing. Snowplows are slow, make wide turns, frequently stop, overlap lanes, and exit the road often.
- Stock your vehicle with the supplies you need to drive safely and stay warm in an emergency during the winter, including:
 - Snow shovel, Broom/ice scraper
 - Sand or kitty litter, to be used in case your vehicle becomes stuck in snow.
 - Flashlight
 - Jumper cables
 - Warning devices (i.e. flares, emergency markers)
 - Blankets for warmth. Consider extra hats, mittens, scarves, socks, and other warm clothing should the vehicle break down.
 - Cell phone charger
 - Water & Food
 - Consider keeping a stock of any medicine you or a passenger rely on when going on a longer trip or driving in a rural area.
- In the event your car breaks down or stalls in the winter:
 - Stay with your vehicle
 - Do not overexert yourself
 - Place bright markers on the antenna or windows
 - Keep the interior dome light turned on
 - Do not run your car for long periods of time while the windows are rolled up or in an enclosed space– this is a carbon monoxide hazard. If you have to keep your vehicle running to stay warm, be sure to clear snow away from the exhaust pipe and run the vehicle only as long as needed to stay warm. Keep seatbelts fastened.

PUBLIC WORKS | *Paul Schroeder*

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP | Christmas tree pickup is scheduled for the first 3 Mondays. Please remove all decorations and place trees at the curb no later than 7 AM.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

3 VILLAGE OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION IN 2025 | If you are interested in running for one of 3 Board of Trustees positions on April 1st, 2025, please review [Chapter 3](#) and plan to attend the Village Caucus. Duties of each position appear in [Chapter 2](#) of the Village Code of Ordinances.

The Village offices that are up for election on April 1st, 2025, appear below. Each position serves two years; each term begins on the third Tuesday of April.

- ★ President: Mark J. Schall, Incumbent
- ★ Constable: Rocco Castellano, Interim Constable
- ★ Clerk: Dori A. Panthofer, Incumbent

Every candidate for any elected Village office shall be nominated by caucus or by nomination of papers in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.05 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The Village Caucus and Board of Trustee meetings are open to the public.

VILLAGE CAUCUS - NOMINATION DAY! | 7PM Monday, January 13th, 2025

To appear on the Ballot for the Village of North Bay Executive Board, candidates must be nominated by 2 eligible voting residents at the Village Caucus scheduled for 7:00 PM on Monday, January 13th, 2025, which is also the first 2025 Executive Board Meeting. Candidates are encouraged to attend the Caucus, however, if they are unable to attend, they may still be nominated and file the required Candidacy papers with the Village Clerk within 5 days of the nomination. Candidates may nominate themselves. Questions? Contact [Clerk Panthofer](#).

BOARD OF APPEALS SEAT FILLED

On November 25th, 2024, the Board of Trustees voted to appoint Kristin Wright to fill the seat that was vacated when Rocco Castellano was appointed to be the Interim Constable.

VILLAGE HALL | *Dori A. Panthofer, Village Clerk*

VILLAGE MEETINGS | Meetings that are scheduled as of this publication appear in the Upcoming Village Meeting table below. Stand Up Meetings, Planning Commission 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. 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 | *Village calendar URL: <https://northbay-wi.us/calendar/>*

Monday, January 13th, 2025	7:00 PM - Village Caucus
Monday, January 13th, 2025	7:10 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting
February 10th, 2025	7:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting

CONTACT INFO

Visit <https://northbay-wi.us/contacts/> for the list of Executive Board Members (Elected Officials), Appointed Officials and Service Providers.

