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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear VNB Residents,

Happy Autumn!

This is actually my favorite time of year even though the summer toys all have to be put away until next spring. A sweatshirt and a pair of jeans replace shorts and a t-shirt and hot apple cider becomes the warmup beverage of choice.

I'm grateful that the Village is able to complete the overdue pavement repairs before the snow flies, and look forward to the challenge of managing future projects.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun Halloween!

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at vnbpresident@northbay-wi.us or (262) 681-1176.

Roger Mellem, Village President



NORTH BAY TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2025

5 PM - 7 PM

Residents interested in participating are requested to turn on an outdoor light.

PUBLIC WORKS | Trustee Paul Schroeder

FALL LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 2025

North Bay contracts with Full Blown Smith, LLC to collect leaves on public roads.

- **When raking leaves into the road, please avoid areas marked for pavement repairs.**
- Please rake leaf piles to the curb by 7AM Monday.
- **DO NOT mix other yard waste with leaves or it will not be picked up.**
- To allow proper rainwater flow, please maintain a 6 inch gap between the curb and leaf pile.
- ***Leaf collection is expected to end in late November, or the first measurable snowfall.***

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS: OCTOBER 18TH, 2025 FINAL COLLECTION THIS YEAR

The City of Racine's Household Hazardous Waste site is open to Village of North Bay residents who can use this facility to safely dispose of their household hazardous waste. North Bay residents need

to provide proof of property ownership. Simply bring a driver's license or a property tax statement. For more information, [click here](#) or visit:

www.cityofracine.org/Programs-and-Services/Hazardous-Waste/What-Is-Hazardous-Waste/Main/

BATTERY DISPOSAL & RECYCLING | SEEKING RESIDENT COOPERATION!!

- Did you know that Johns Disposal is not contracted to collect batteries from residents?
- Did you know that when batteries are compacted or impacted in the wrong way, even fully discharged **batteries can start on fire**, often causing significant damage to the fleet and/or facilities?

For everyone's safety, residents are urged to keep batteries out of residential collection containers, specifically rechargeable ones such as Li-Ion and Li-Poly. These are commonly used in cell phones, various gaming devices, tablets, laptops, e-cigarettes / vape devices, etc.

Don't forget to recycle other household batteries, including: batteries in smoke alarms, flash-lights, radios, cameras, watches, tools and toys. If the battery is labeled "rechargeable", it is probably a lithium battery and should be taken to a retailer who will take the battery back for recycling. Mercury type batteries are usually a small silver colored button type battery and should also be taken to a participating retailer.

For a list of local battery recycling retailers, [click here](#) or visit: www.cityofracine.org/HHW/Battery/

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON 2026 YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard Waste Stickers Discontinued in 2026

Please be aware that yard waste stickers will be discontinued in 2026. We encourage you to purchase any stickers you need for the remainder of the current season. Each sticker costs \$1.15. Stickers may be purchased from all six elected officials. Contract information is located in the Village Directory emailed earlier this year and also appears on the [Contact Us](#) page of the Village website; the URL is www.northbay-wi.us/contacts/.

Following the final collection scheduled for Monday, November 25th, 2025, the Village will offer a buy-back program for any unused stickers for a limited period of time.

As a reminder, one sticker is required per bag or per bundle of yard waste. For comprehensive information, including the trash, recycling, and yard waste schedule, please visit:

www.johnsdisposal.com/municipalities/north-bay-village/

EXECUTIVE BOARD

ASSESSOR JIM HENKE RETIRED | After many years of dedicated service to our community, Assessor Jim Henke announced his retirement. Jim is looking forward to spending more quality time with his wife and family, both at their home here in Wisconsin and during their winters at their second home in sunny Arizona. His contributions to the community have been invaluable, and he will be greatly missed by colleagues and residents alike. We wish Jim all the best in his well-deserved retirement!

NEW VILLAGE ASSESSOR | At the October 13th, 2025 Village Board of Trustees meeting, the Board appointed Dan McHugh, Affiliated Property Valuation Services, LLC. Assessor McHugh's role is to list and value taxable property within the Village of North Bay in accordance with Chapter 70 of the State of Wisconsin statutes. The assessments reflect the fair market value of properties to ensure property taxes are fairly distributed. Assessor McHugh will update values annually.

2026 BUDGET PREPARATION UNDERWAY | The Village Board is working on the 2026 Village Budget. A public hearing on the budget and adoption will take place at the Village Board meeting on November 24th, 2025 at 7:00 PM. . All meetings are open to members of the public.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE | To accommodate the rising number of Planning Commission Review Applications, the Board of Trustees has established a meeting schedule. Future Planning Commission meetings will take place before the monthly Board of Trustees meetings, which are typically held on the second Monday of each month. This change aims to help residents and contractors with their project planning. Please note that the November and December Planning Commission meetings will be adjusted to align with the Board Meeting dates, which are historically moved forward to comply with state budget requirements. Elections and Board of Review proceedings may also impact the designated Monday. These specific meetings will be initially listed as "tentative" on the website's calendar page and updated if a meeting is necessary. Dates and times of meetings are subject to change with proper notice.

CONSTABLE | *Constable Rocco Castellano*

SAFETY TIPS FROM POLICE CHIEF SHARRETT



October is National Crime Prevention Month. Take precautions to protect yourself and your property. Remember to lock your doors, update your passwords, and always keep your keys with you. Most importantly, if you observe anything suspicious, please report it. It's always better for us to investigate a situation and find it to be nothing, rather than for a resident to hesitate and later discover it was something serious.

If you plan to be away for an extended period, remember to secure your home, inform your neighbors, and notify the Village Police for a Vacation Check.

How to Contact Us

- Emergency: **Dial 9-1-1**
- Non-emergency numbers to report safety concerns
 - **Immediate response: Racine County Dispatch: 262-886-2300.** Examples: Non-life-threatening incidents.
 - **Non-immediate response: Wind Point Police Office: 262-639-3022.** Examples: Found property, ordinance violations, needing to speak to a specific officer or vacation checks. If an officer is not in the office, please leave a message.
 - Email: police@windpoint.org

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

CONTACT INFO

Visit www.northbay-wi.us/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. Planning Commission meetings are listed as tentative and will be on the calendar page of the website if a meeting is necessary. 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.northbay-wi.us/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 | *Village calendar URL: www.northbay-wi.us/calendar/*

Monday, October 27th, 2025	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting (<i>November meeting moved up due to state budget hearing requirements.</i>)
Monday, November 24th, 2025	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - Budget Hearing 7:10 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting (<i>December meeting moved up due to state budget hearing requirements.</i>)
January 12th, 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - Village Caucus 7:10 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting