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CONSTABLE | Rocco Castellano

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Dear Residents of North Bay,

After considerable reflection, I have made the difficult decision to step down from my position as Village Constable. This decision was not made lightly, but it has become necessary due to increasing personal and professional responsibilities that require more of my time and attention.

Serving the Village of North Bay has been an honor and a privilege. I am proud of the opportunity I have had to contribute to the safety and well-being of our community, and I am deeply grateful for the trust and support that so many of you have shown me throughout my tenure.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Village Board President Roger Mellem and the entire Village Board for their leadership, partnership, and support. Working alongside such dedicated public servants has been a truly rewarding experience.

I am also pleased to know that North Bay remains in excellent hands under the leadership of the Honorable Tom Le Fave. His commitment to our community and dedication to public service will continue to serve the village well.

Most importantly, I want to thank the people of North Bay. Moving to North Bay was one of the best decisions of my life. My family and I have been blessed to raise our children in such a beautiful, safe, and decent community. While the village itself is a special place, what truly makes North Bay exceptional is its people. Your kindness, civic spirit, and commitment to one another have made this community a wonderful place to call home.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you. I will always cherish my time as your Constable and remain proud to be a member of this remarkable community.

With sincere gratitude,

Rocco Castellano, Village Constable

PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS & TRANSIENT MERCHANT ALERT | Following several recent reports of solicitors, residents are reminded that under State Statute 66.0423(2a) and Chapter 11.04(1)(2), all hawkers, peddlers, and transient merchants operating within the Village of North Bay must secure a permit or license prior to selling goods or soliciting services.

A completed, written [Peddlers Solicitors Transient Merchant Permit Application](#) must be submitted to the Village Clerk along with the required fee, providing specific details regarding

the applicant's name, residence, products, manufacturers, and method of travel. These permits remain valid for 15 days from the date of issuance.

Should anyone approach you, please direct them to the Village Clerk and/or the official Village website. If they persist in their activities, please get in touch with the Wind Point Police at (262) 639-3022.

FRAUD SCHEME ALERT | Police Chief Sharrett warned the Executive Board about recent fraud schemes in North Bay and Wind Point.

Scam victimization depends heavily on engagement: some targets ignore scammers, some detect the deception and stop, while others engage and suffer financial losses.

Don't become a victim! [Click here](#) to learn more about fraud basics, key terms, common issues, rights, and guides from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

TREASURER | *Robert E. O'Brien*

PROPERTY TAX INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 31ST | The second Installment of the property tax bill is due by July 31, 2026. Mail a check payable to: Racine County Treasurer, 730 Wisconsin Avenue, Racine, WI 53403. **The Village Treasurer is prohibited from receiving payments after February 1st, 2026.**

Please remember to enclose the Property Tax Stub with your payment. A copy of the stub is available online on the [Racine County Property Tax Inquiry](#) page. The URL is: <https://www.racinecounty.gov/departments/county-treasurer/tax-inquiry>

For questions on tax bills or payments, please contact the Village Treasurer, Robert O'Brien at 262-681-0898 or treasurer@vnbwi.gov

REMINDER: US POSTAL SERVICE POSTMARK CHANGE | Earlier this year, the U.S. Postal Service made changes to the postmarking process that may impact documents where the date of mailing is critical, such as tax payments and absentee ballots.

What You Need to Know:

- **Local post offices no longer apply same-day postmarks.**
- **Mail is now dated when it arrives at a regional processing center, which can take 1–2 days, and often longer over weekends or holidays.**

If you are mailing a document with a deadline, please take these precautions:

- **Mail early** to allow for processing time.
- **Utilize in-person or online payment/submission options** whenever possible.
- **Do not assume** the postmark date will be the same day you drop the item in the mail.
- Tax payments received after the due date will be considered delinquent if the postmark date is later than the due date.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS LA FAVE AS INTERIM CONSTABLE | To address the vacancy left by Constable Castellano's resignation as Trustee #3 Constable, the Executive Board convened a Stand Up Meeting on June 24th, 2026. The Board of Trustees voted to appoint Thomas LaFave to fill the position as the interim Trustee #3 Constable, effective August 1st, 2026 for the remainder of the term. Tom originally joined the Planning Commission as a resident member in June of 2024. He will not serve concurrently as both the Village Constable and Trustee Member of the Planning Commission. We express our gratitude to him for stepping into the Constable role!

PUBLIC WORKS | *Paul Schroeder*

YARD MAINTENANCE | Help us keep the Village of North Bay looking beautiful by maintaining your property! We kindly request that residents trim back any shrubs or tree branches that extend into the public right-of-way. We truly appreciate your cooperation in keeping our neighborhood tidy and attractive!

VILLAGE HALL | *Clerk Dori A. Panthofer*

2026 FALL ELECTIONS | Polling Location: Village Hall (3615 Hennepin Place)

- **August Partisan Primary** **Tuesday, August 11th, 2026** **Poll hours: 7 AM-8 PM**
- **General Election** **Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026** **Poll hours: 7 AM-8 PM**

ELECTION FACTS | Everything you need to know about voting can be found on the [Wisconsin Elections Commission](https://elections.wi.gov/voters) The URL is: <https://elections.wi.gov/voters>

4 WAYS TO REGISTER TO VOTE | Proof of residence is required to register to vote. Visit <https://elections.wi.gov/Register> for information about voter eligibility and the 28 day residency requirement.

1. Online; up to 20 days before the election (Visit www.myvote.wi.gov/en-us)
2. By mail; up to 20 days before the election
3. In the Municipal Clerk's Office; during in person Early Voting
4. At the Polling Place on Election day

VOTING BY MAIL IN ABSENTEE BALLOT | Visit www.myvote.wi.gov/en-us to apply for an absentee ballot. ***Please allow at least 7 days for mail delivery in both directions, as recommended by the US Postal Service.***



CLICK HERE to:

- Register to vote (*on or before the deadlines set by the WEC - Wisconsin Election Commission*)
- Apply to vote absentee & track your absentee ballot
- Verify your voter information & update your name or address
- Find your polling place & see what's on the Ballot

IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING | The dates and hours to vote in the Clerk's Office are noted below. Hours are also published on the [calendar page of the Village website](#). **The last date to vote an absentee ballot in a clerk's office is Friday, August 7th, 2026.**

Begins August 4th, 2026:

Tuesday: 1 PM to 4:30 PM

Friday: 1 PM to 4:30 PM

Location:

Village Hall (3615 Hennepin Place)

NOTE: Please bring a valid photo ID.

CONTACT INFO

Visit www.vnbwi.gov/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. 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.vnbwi.gov/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

Monday, August 17th, 2026 <i>* Third Monday of the month.</i>	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, September 14th, 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting <i>* Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting