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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Residents,

As our nation approaches its 250th anniversary this July 4th, I hope that despite current challenges, we can unite in our shared gratitude for the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. These foundational documents secure the very liberties and freedoms we hold dear.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at president@vnbwi.gov or (262) 681-1176.

Roger Mellem, Village President

FIREWORKS

By Wisconsin law, fireworks that explode or leave the ground are prohibited.

While celebrations are a time of joy, please remember that cats and dogs are often terrified of firework noises; the sudden, loud sounds can put pets into a state of anxiety and fear often likened to the "End of Days." We ask for your compassion for the animals we love. Please ensure your pet's tags have current contact information, as this is the busiest time of year for animals to bolt in fear. For specific advice on keeping your pets calm, please contact your veterinarian.



Additionally, please be mindful of area veterans and community members suffering from PTSD. The loud and unexpected noise, as well as the smell of explosives, can be a significant source of stress, anxiety, and trauma for those affected. As a courtesy to your neighbors, please obey the law and consider others when celebrating this holiday.

CONSTABLE | Rocco Castellano

SAFETY TIPS FROM CHIEF SHARRETT

- **School is out! Drive with Care:** With summer approaching, more children will be out and about. Please drive cautiously through neighborhoods and school zones. Obey speed limits and watch for pedestrians and cyclists.
- **Lock It or Lose It:** As the weather gets nicer, we see a rise in thefts from unlocked vehicles. Please remember to:
 - Lock your doors, even in your driveway.

- Remove valuables from your car.
- Report suspicious activity immediately!
- **Protect Yourself from Bicycle Theft:** As biking picks up, unsecured bikes become frequent targets—especially in parks, school areas, and frequented areas. Secure your bike with a lock!
- **Protect yourself from Burglary: Daylight lasts longer, giving burglars more time to operate while people are at work or out.**
 - Windows and doors are left open or unlocked to let fresh air in.
 - Secure your doors and windows!
- **Gas Theft Watch** With the recent gas price volatility, communities across Wisconsin are seeing more reports of fuel theft. While North Bay and Wind Point have not experienced a significant increase, the conditions are right for opportunistic crimes. Staying alert now helps prevent larger issues later.
 - **What residents can do:**
 - [Tips](#) to protect yourself from credit card fraud at gas stations
 - Park in well-lit areas — Visibility is one of the strongest deterrents to theft.
 - Use a locking gas cap — A low-cost, effective way to make your vehicle a harder target.
 - Monitor your fuel levels — Unexplained drops may indicate tampering.
 - Report suspicious activity — Late-night foot traffic, unfamiliar vehicles lingering near driveways, or individuals carrying fuel containers near parked cars should be reported promptly.
 - **What your local agencies are doing:** The **Wind Point Police Department** is increasing patrols during overnight hours and monitoring for any patterns that may indicate fuel theft attempts. Community reports remain one of the most effective tools we have, and your vigilance directly supports these efforts.
 - **If You Suspect Tampering:** Contact the **Wind Point Police Department** immediately so the incident can be documented and patrols adjusted as needed.

PUBLIC WORKS | *Paul Schroeder*

REMINDER TO TRIM TREES & VEGETATION! To ensure safe travel on our public streets and private drives, the Executive Board again requests the assistance of all residents. Adhering to the safety standards for street and intersection vegetation established by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Federal Highway authorities is essential. As the peak growing season lasts until late October, please remain diligent with your trimming efforts throughout this period.

- **PRUNING LOW HANGING BRANCHES** | To prevent damage to vehicles that pass under low hanging branches over Village streets or private drives, avoid damage to resident-owned trees, allow unimpeded access to emergency response vehicles, trash collection, snow removal and seasonal leaf collection, residents are asked to maintain a minimum height of 14 feet above the pavement.
- **VISION TRIANGLE** | For uncontrolled intersections, the drivers of both approaching vehicles should be able to see conflicting vehicles in adequate time to stop or slow to avoid a crash. The required sight distance is directly related to vehicle speed, distance traveled during perception and reaction, and braking time. With North Bay's 20 MPH speed limit, The minimum recommended sight distances.
 - The minimum recommended sight distance in North Bay (based on 20 MPH speed limit) is 90 feet. [Click here](#) for more information about the vision triangle, or visit: https://northbay-wi.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/sight_distance_study_iowa.pdf

EXECUTIVE BOARD

2 ROUND PLANTERS FOR SALE



Acquire a part of North Bay history! Both planters remain in very good condition, though they have been out of use for a couple of decades. For more information, contact Clerk Panthofer at clerk@vnbwi.gov or (262) 639-2334.

Large: 37.5 inches by 16 inches: **\$75 OBO**

Medium: 27.5 inches by 12 inches: **\$65 OBO**

PROJECT UPDATES

- Bridge Rail Capping is complete!
- Landscape restoration around Village Hall is also complete!
- The new website is expected to be launched in late July or early August. Stay tuned for details!

VILLAGE HALL | Clerk Dori A. Panthofer

2026 FALL ELECTIONS

- **August Partisan Primary is Tuesday, August 11th, 2026.**
- **The General Election is on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026.**

ELECTION FACTS

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

ABSENTEE VOTING | On June 25th, 2026, the first wave of Absentee Ballots were mailed to electors who had a valid Absentee Ballot request on file as of that date. Absentee Ballot requests received after that date are processed in accordance with Wisconsin Election law. *Per the US Postal Service, please allow 7 days for delivery each way.*

To request an absentee ballot, please visit www.myvote.wi.gov/en-us.



CLICK HERE to:

- Register to Vote (on or before the deadlines set by the 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

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](http://www.vnbwi.gov/news-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, July 13th, 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, August 17th, 2026 * <i>Third Monday of the month.</i>	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting