



NEWSLETTER – Spring 2016

Elections

New Rules for 2016

All voters will need to provide a valid photo ID to vote. Acceptable identification includes; A valid Wisconsin Driver License, a state ID, WI-DOT issued identification card, U.S. Uniformed Military Service card, or U.S. passport book or card will be acceptable.

The photo ID will need to be unexpired and currently valid.

Wisconsin DOT is providing a FREE state ID card for voting at:

<http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drivers/how-to-apply/id-card.aspx>



Local election races include:

*Town Supervisor
(Vote for 2)*

*Bayshore Sanitary District
(Vote for 1)*

Contact the Town Clerk,
John Roth if you have
questions:
(920) 406-9380

What's New:

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**2016 Elections
Walk to Mary
Pilgrimage**

**UWGB – Wequiock
Creek Water Quality &
Environmental Study**

201 Dog Licenses

The Town of Scott has created a new web-site. Please visit the site for news alerts and local contact information.

Spring Elections

General Elections - April 5, 2016

Town residents vote at the
Scott Town Hall:
2621 Jody Drive, New
Franken, WI 7 am-8pm



Recycling Questions

TOP 5

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NEW!

What plastics can I recycle?

All Plastic Bottles & Containers:

- Soda, Water & Other Drink Bottles
- Food & Household Bottles, Jars and Jugs
- Dairy Containers & Lids
- Produce, Bakery & Deli Containers

Please remember to empty and rinse all bottles and containers and to remove and discard all screw caps.



2

Should I remove my bottle caps?

Removing your bottle caps is a good recycling habit. When caps are left on, the liquids stay in the bottle which makes it difficult for the specialized machinery to properly sort the plastic. The bottle could end up in the trash rather than being recycled.



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What do I do with plastic bags?

Plastic bags are highly recyclable, but **NOT** through your curbside program. The Tri-County Recycling Facility is not designed to remove plastic bags, and the bags wrap around the equipment causing maintenance issues.

Please take your plastic bags, wraps and other film plastics to a local retail or grocery store to be recycled.



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Can I recycle aluminum foil and pie pans?

The Tri-County Recycling Program does **NOT** accept aluminum foil and pans because they are made from lower grade aluminum than the aluminum used to make beverage cans.

You may recycle aluminum pans and foil through a local scrap metal dealer.



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What should I do with shredded paper?

To recycle shredded paper we ask that you put it in a paper bag; staple it closed, label the bag and put it in your curbside container.

This method keeps the pieces of paper from blowing around the neighborhoods while sitting at the curb, during transportation and at the recycling facility.

DO NOT use PLASTIC bags!



Walk to Mary – Saturday, May 7, 2015

The annual pilgrimage walk is being planned from the St. Norbert Abbey to the Shrine of our Lady of Good Help, in Champion. This pilgrimage walk runs thru the Town of Scott; along Bay Settlement Road. For safety reasons the walkers will be shuttled across Hwy 57 and resume their pilgrimage at the corner of Van Lanen Road and South Holland Road. Their walk will continue east on Van Lanen Road thru the Town of Scott. For more information and a map of the route visit their web-site: www.walktomary.com

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## Yard Waste Site

The Town's Yard Waste Site is located at the end of Bertrand Ln, west of CTH T. The site will be open April 2<sup>nd</sup> through Nov. 16. Hours: **Wednesday 3:00 – 7:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.**

The Yard Waste Site accepts grass, brush, leaves, & garden waste only. It does not accept stumps and large debris. The Town does not provide curbside collection for any of these items, we ask all residents to make their own provisions for properly disposing of these items. Finnel Landscape has been contracted to process yard waste materials at the site. Wood chips & compost can be picked up when available, during regular hours. Please follow directions as posted or as provided by the attendant.

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Trash & Recycling Collection

The Town contracts with Advance Disposal for rubbish and recycling collection services. They would like to remind customers of current policies.

- ~ Garbage and recycling carts should have at least 5 feet of separation between containers, allowing easier pick up of garbage carts.
- ~ Carts should be set out early the morning of the assigned pick up date.
- ~ Carts must be removed from Town ROW within 24 hours of garbage or recycling pickup.
- ~ All garbage should be properly bagged.
- ~ Advance collects with two separate trucks, one for garbage and another for recyclables.
- ~ Recyclables: Do not recycle plastic grocery bags or place recyclables in plastic bags. Doing so jams the recycling machines and greatly reduces the efficiency of the recycling process.

The week of a holiday; all curbside pickup is delayed one day. For 2016: the delay will occur after: Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving. There will be no delay for Christmas, since Christmas Day falls on a Sunday.

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## Scott 1 - Sanitary District: FOG Advisory

In an effort to keep sewer rates low Scott 1 Sanitary District is asking people to refrain from putting Fats, Oil, Grease (FOG) down their drains; it can severely clog the sanitary sewer system. This in turn requires the Sanitary District to hire a sewer jetting company to clean and remove FOG from the sewer system.

The Town would also like to remind all residents that it is not permitted to attach a sump pump to the sanitary system. Sump water is to be surface drained or attached to the storm sewer system, if available. The Town's sewage lift stations provide a count of how many gallons are pumped daily. During wet rainy days this number increases dramatically. Additional storm water can enter a sanitary system thru natural infiltration as well as sump lines. To operate more efficiently the Town's sanitary districts are working to limit the amount of infiltration. Storm water does not need to be treated but if it is run into the sanitary system it is treated by New Water (formerly Green Bay Metropolitan Sewer) and everyone on the sanitary districts end up paying for this additional expense.



# Renew Our Waters

Every choice counts.

## A Waterway in Your Front Yard

The ditch in front of your home is an important part of a regional drainage system that must be protected.

Ditches, or swales, are often placed along roads and in drainage easements along side/back lot lines as a part of your community's stormwater system. This ditch system treats stormwater from individual lots by encouraging water to sink into the ground, and carries excess stormwater downstream to the nearest creek, stream or river.

### WHOSE DITCH IS IT?

Most road side ditches are owned by your municipality, however, side and back lot line ditches may or may not be. Contact your municipality to verify.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Your municipality welcomes your assistance in efforts to maintain the ditch, or swale, that touches your property. Below are a few ways you can help monitor the ditch near your property or in your community.

**The ditch in front of your home is a part of your community's stormwater system - a regional drainage system that must be protected.**

- ☐ Remove trash or debris and dispose of properly.
- ☐ Report offensive color, odor and presence of sludge.
- ☐ Report presence of natural gas, oil, gasoline odor or if surface film is present.
- ☐ Report signs of invasive species
- ☐ Report presence of standing water for extended periods of time
- ☐ Do not dump anything into the swale. This is prohibited by your local municipality, State and Federal Government, unless the appropriate permits are obtained.
- ☐ Do not alter the shape of the swale. (Any changes made to the swale in front of your property need prior approval from your municipality.)
- ☐ Do not replace the grass with rock, bark, plants or other vegetation other than grass. (Any changes made to the swale in front of your property need prior approval from your municipality.)
- ☐ Do not use fertilizers or pesticides in the ditch.
- ☐ Prevent off-street parking or other activities that may cause rutting or compact the soil in the swale.

Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn or washing the car on the driveway. This water runs off our properties, into the street and down the storm drain or through the swale conveyance system - picking up pollutants on its way. The water and the pollutants it carries is discharged into local waterways.

Untreated runoff is the biggest threat to our nation's water quality, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Let's make the small, important changes that will reduce that threat and improve water quality and our lives!

## Realize

What touches the ground enters the water

Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium

P.O. Box 1861 Appleton, WI 54912 | 920.858.4246

RenewOurWaters.org

## **Storm Water Management Plan Update**

The Scott Storm Water Utility was recently awarded a grant from the WDNR to help pay for updates to the Scott Storm Water Management Plan. The original plan was developed in 2008 and since that time the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has adopted a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirement for the Lower Fox River Basin and Lower Green Bay. TMDL is the amount of pollutants that a waterbody can assimilate and not exceed water quality standards. The Town of Scott is a regulated municipality under the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit regulations. The Town is required to develop a long-term plan to move toward meeting the TMDL requirements for Lower Green Bay. As part of the Storm Water Management Plan update, two public informational meetings will be held to get public input and discuss the results of the plan. The first meeting will be held this fall, please watch the Town website for more information regarding the Storm Water Management Plan update.

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New Franken Fire Department

Mark your calendars for the New Franken Fire Department's Annual Smelt Fry Fundraiser will be held Friday, May 6th, serving food 11am-8pm and Saturday, May 7th, serving food 11am-2pm. The Smelt Fry is held at the New Franken Sportsman Club.

The Annual Walk/Run: To be determined. Time and date to be announced.

If you are interested in helping the Fire Department, please join the '*Friends of New Franken Fire Department*'. The *Friends* help organize fund raisers events. All funds are used for the purchase of equipment which helps reduce the demand on taxes. Interested? Find them on Facebook or contact Carolyn Tielens at (920) 660-1208.

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## **NFFD & County Rescue coverage of Bay Settlement**

As part of the Town's Boundary Agreement with the City of Green Bay a portion of Bay Settlement Road had been covered by the City for fire and rescue. This service agreement was only for the portion which had been detached from the City and returned to the Town's jurisdiction (*the ½ mile from the mausoleum to Church Road*). That portion of the agreement has now reached its sun-set and fire and rescue coverage for that stretch of road will be handled by the New Franken Fire Department and County Rescue the same as they are for the rest of the town. The 911 system has been updated, so there is no action necessary for residents along Bay Settlement Road.

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Road Construction on Hwy. 54 & T

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) will be repairing and resurfacing 5.31 miles of Hwy. 54 from the Hwy. 54/57 Interchange east to the Brown County line. The project is planned to run from May to October. Residents will still be able to use the road. Road closures and detour routes will be posted for through traffic.

Brown County Highway Department will be resurfacing CTH T from Hwy. 54 south to the rail road tracks in the Town of Humboldt. Included in this project will be infrastructure repairs in New Franken as well as resurfacing of Ronsman Road. Infrastructure repairs will begin in April (weather permitting) with paving taking place in July.

WEQUIOCK CREEK MONITORING EFFORT BEGINS



photo credit: Dr. Bob Howe

The Town of Scott has partnered with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (UWGB) Cofrin Center for Biodiversity and UW Extension to monitor the water quality of Wequiock Creek. This exciting collaboration aims to engage local citizens, town leaders and students in improving water quality and coastal habitats in the Wequiock Creek corridor. Students from Dr. Amy Wolf's Principles of Ecology class at UWGB and volunteers and members of the Stormwater Committee from the Town of Scott, began monitoring Wequiock Creek in summer 2015 thanks in part to funding from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program. Two rounds of water quality monitoring have already been conducted at three locations along the creek and will continue in spring 2016.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY 'MONITORING'?

Water quality monitoring efforts include:

- measuring temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity, macroinvertebrates, total suspended solids, total phosphorous, nitrates, and more.
- conducting frog and bird surveys

WHY MONITOR WEQUIOCK CREEK?

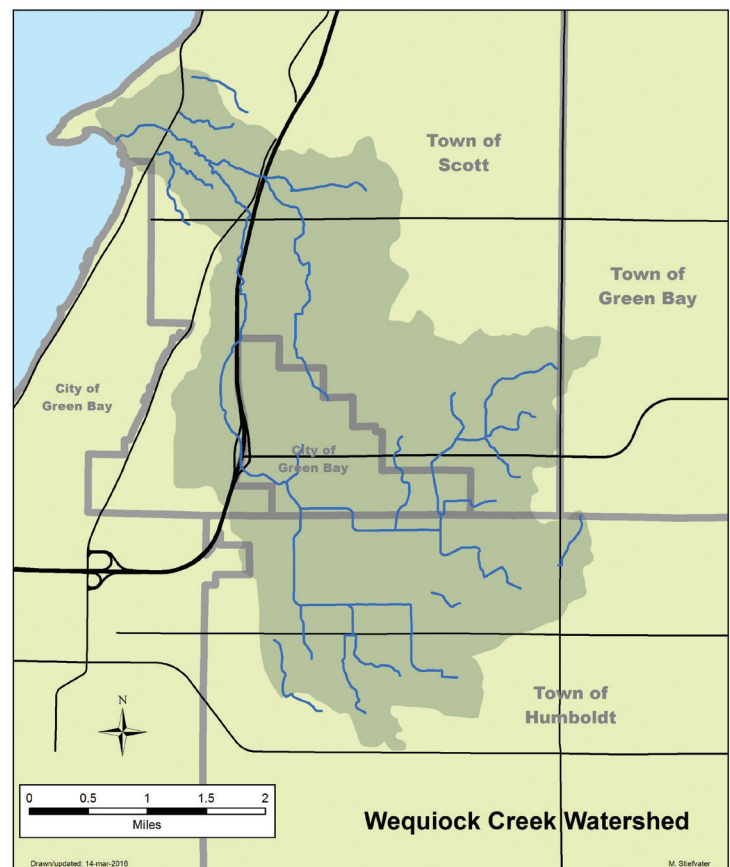
- has experienced habitat degradation, nutrient loading & sedimentation, and altered stream flow
- contributes significantly to nutrient and sediment loading in the Lower Green Bay and Fox River Area of Concern (AOC), <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/greatlakes/greenbay.html>
- little information is available about seasonal trends in stream flow, watershed response to precipitation events, nonpoint source pollution, and other characteristics of the stream

Addressing these issues is a significant but not impossible challenge in watersheds like Wequiock Creek, which lies mainly within the Town of Scott.

LEARN MORE

We are always looking for additional volunteers, and we welcome any questions, comments or ideas you may have about this effort. If you would like to learn more or become involved, contact the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity at **920-465-2030** or websterb@uwgb.edu. You can also visit the website at <http://www.uwgb.edu/watershed/>

While project funding ends in July 2016, it is our hope to continue this monitoring effort into the future.



2016 Dog License Application – Town of Scott

Dog license expire on December 31 of each year as indicated on the license – avoid added cost to dog licenses by renewing them when they expire at the end of the year. It is the requirement of owners to license all dogs (WI Stat 174). All dogs must have current rabies shots. If your dog is currently licensed in the Town and the rabies shot has not expired within the past year the Town will have a copy on file – there is no need to send the certification. If your dog is no longer a part of your family please sign the back of your license and state the reason. Return to the Town of Scott Town Hall so that your dog can be removed from the Town records.

License fees for 2016

\$10.00 Male or Female – Not Neutered or Spayed

If your dog is Neutered or Spayed the following fee applies

\$5.00 Male or Female – Neutered or Spayed.

\$5.00 late fee if licensed after April 1 (per license)

Please send Payments & Info to:

Town of Scott Clerk/Treasurer

2621 Jody Drive

New Franken, WI 54229

(920) 406-9380

2016 Dog License Form - Fill out completely and return with correct fee. Necessary information needed to license a dog is found on your veterinarian rabies certificate.

Owners Name:

Address:

Zip:

Dogs Name_____

(Circle One) Male or Female

Neutered or Spayed: Yes/No

Late Fee: Yes/No

Total Fee:_____

Color:_____

Breed:_____

Vaccine Mfg:_____

Vaccine Serial:_____

Rabies Expiration:_____

Dogs Name_____

(Circle One) Male or Female

Neutered or Spayed: Yes/No

Late Fee: Yes/No

Total Fee:_____

Color:_____

Breed:_____

Vaccine Mfg:_____

Vaccine Serial:_____

Rabies Expiration:_____

Dogs Name_____

(Circle One) Male or Female

Neutered or Spayed: Yes/No

Late Fee: Yes/No

Total Fee:_____

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Breed:_____

Vaccine Mfg:_____

Vaccine Serial:_____

Rabies Expiration:_____

If you have a complaint in regard to barking dogs or dogs running at large, please contact one of the Town Constables: Leland Baenen at 866-2658 or Kurt Baenen 660-3517..

