

NORTH BAY NEWS

COVID-19 & SPRING ELECTION



Friday, March 27th, 2020

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REMINDER: North Bay elected official email addresses CHANGED on October 15th, 2019 and old email addresses are either closed or are no longer being monitored. If you have not deleted the old email address, please do so immediately and replace contact information as follows:

Roger Mellem, President: vnbpresident@northbay-wi.us
Robert O'Brien, Treasurer: vnbtreasurer@northbay-wi.us
Kristin Wright, Constable: vnbconstable@northbay-wi.us
Paul Schroeder, Trustee #1: vnbpublicworks@northbay-wi.us
Rick Cermak, Trustee #2: vnbwastewater@northbay-wi.us
Dori Panthofer, Village Clerk: vnbclerk@northbay-wi.us

SPRING ELECTION | Tuesday, April 7th, 2020

At this time, election details are as follows. Changes, if any, will be announced as soon as possible.

- The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020 from 7 AM - 8 PM at Village Hall.
- All voters are strongly urged to apply to vote Absentee.
- **Per the Wisconsin Election Commission, election day in person voting is CURSIDE ONLY.** Traffic on Hennepin will be southbound only. A map will be shared as soon as possible.
- Village Hall is CLOSED to the public.

[Click here](#) to see the sample ballot or visit URL:

<https://vnbwi.files.wordpress.com/2020/03/vnb-sample-ballot-4.7.2020.pdf>

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS

URGENT - APPLY ONLINE IMMEDIATELY!

Click: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee>

See next page for more details.

Village Hall ♦ 3615 Hennepin Place ♦ Racine, Wisconsin 53402

Village Clerk: vnbclerk@northbay-wi.us ♦ Phone: (262) 639-2334 ♦ Website: www.northbay-wi.us

All voters are strongly urged to vote Absentee!

Important facts...

- Currently, only 56 of approximately 200 North Bay voters applied to vote absentee.
- You must be a registered voter to request an absentee ballot. Online voter registration was extended to March 30th. See article below.
- The VNB Clerk logs each Absentee Ballot application and files a daily report with the Racine County Clerk.
- **If all remaining registered voters apply for an Absentee Ballot, processing time to record, collate and mail every ballot is approximately 20 hours.**
- Requests are processed on a first in first out basis.
- **US Postal Service delivery time may take up to 7 days each way.**
- The final date a Clerk is allowed to mail an Absentee Ballot is April 3rd. Ballot delivery IS NOT guaranteed due to unpredictable delivery times.
- The North Bay Village Clerk logs each Absentee Ballot returned to Village Hall and files a daily report with the Racine County Clerk.
- All Absentee Ballots must be RECEIVED at Village Hall on Election Day to be counted.
- **Voters may personally deliver their Absentee Ballot in the return envelope provided to Village Hall and insert it in the mail slot of the Village Hall door.** Due to the anticipated volume, **please do not insert it into the mailbox at the street.** Ballots will remain sealed and securely locked until Election Day.

ONLINE NEW VOTER REGISTRATION EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 30TH!

- Click <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/RegisterToVote> to register.
- **Please email your Proof of Residency to Clerk Panthofer at vnbclerk@northbay-wi.us immediately after submitting your online voter registration.** [Click here](#) for a list of acceptable documents.

To check your voter registration status, visit [MyVoteWisconsin](https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/). The URL for the Voter Registration link is: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

COVID-19 UPDATE

CENTRAL RACINE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

On March 24th, the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services issued Emergency Order #12 SAFER AT HOME EFFECTIVE MARCH 25 - APRIL 24TH

[Click here](#) or visit URL:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/03/24/file_attachments/1409408/Health%20Order%20%2312%20Safer%20At%20Home.pdf

COVID-19 UPDATE - continued...

On March 12th, Governor Tony Evers issued a [Executive Order #72](#) relating to a Proclamation Declaring a Health Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus. For local community updates, please visit the Central Racine County Health Department website. The URL is: <https://crchd.com/covid-19>. The URL for Executive Order #72 is: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lc/issue_briefs/2020/covid_19/ib_exor72_mq_2020_24_03

A BULLETIN FROM WIND POINT POLICE CHIEF

In a short period of time COVID-19 has spread throughout Wisconsin. We all need to take these precautions for the preservation of public health and safety throughout the entire State and to ensure our healthcare delivery system can serve those most in need.

The Governor's executive order includes the entire state and is mandatory. Please, in order to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin and protect your families, friends and neighbors - stay home.

The Governor's order means you must stay at home, leaving only for essential reasons such as to get groceries or medicine, to get medical care, to get exercise, to take care of others, and for certain types of work. You should significantly restrict your outside movement to only essential outings in order to help stop the spread of the virus.

Law enforcement will assist in enforcing this order but adhering to the order will save lives and it is the responsibility of every Wisconsin resident to do their part. Law enforcement is more likely to intervene if they witness or receive reports of:

- Crowds of people gathering, especially if packed closely together or not social distancing
- Flagrant violation – such as a bar or restaurant having a room full of customers eating in.
- Employees being asked to report to work in-person where the business is not supposed to be open or appropriate social distancing precautions are not taking place

The Wind Point Police Department will not be randomly stopping vehicles to ask you where you are going, and it is fine for people to be out on their way to or from essential work, to be out for necessities like going to the pharmacy or getting groceries, or to be out just taking a walk. People gathering in groups may be asked why they are gathering, to practice better social distancing, or to go home. You should abstain from all nonessential activities.

Adhering to the order will save lives and it is the responsibility of everyone to do their part.

Thanks,

Chief Rick Von Drasek

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MELLE...

Dear Neighbors,

The Village has had resident inquiries within the past week or so concerning how the village is conducting business in light of both the State of Wisconsin and the national government's guidelines to defeat the COVID-19 virus.

The Village has a seat on the Central Racine Health Department and receives frequent health reports from that agency pertinent to North Bay as well as the greater Racine County area. We also maintain a continuing dialog with the Wisconsin League of Municipalities who, in turn, keep us advised of the Governor's directives as well as the State Attorney General's local government advisories, laws, and legal opinions. As a community, we adhere to all of the governmental guidelines and laws.

One of the more recent questions was regarding the Open Meetings Act. Our normal monthly meetings are conducted at Village Hall on the second Monday of every month and the public is always invited to attend. In its normal format, the six-person board meets, discusses village issues, votes on various motions, and approves the monthly accounts payable. The April meeting, for the board and visitor safety, will be truncated to comply with the current health restrictions. Whatever form it takes will be posted in advance so that residents are aware of the content and agenda. Please check our website regularly for more information.

We've faced bigger challenges in the past and prevailed, so we will get through this one as well. Please look out for one another and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Roger Mellem
President
Village of North Bay

A MESSAGE FROM CONSTABLE WRIGHT...

Good day,

I have been appointed per Section 2.04 of our ordinances as the Emergency Government Coordinator. As such, I have been involved in multiple conference call meetings with the Racine County and municipality officials. We have been 'meeting' once a week to coordinate and understand efforts throughout the County. This week, we will actually have a second meeting to discuss the April election. I have also represented North Bay on the Central Racine County

Health Department for a number of years. As such, I receive daily updates on the virus cases within the County. I am most impressed by the cooperation and coordination between the municipalities and County officials. The sharing of information and support is exactly what one would like to see in any crisis - certainly a crisis of this magnitude.

Please see the statement above from the Wind Point Police Chief on how they plan to enforce the Governor’s executive order.

If you have any concerns or questions, you can contact any one of the board members.

I do keep our Village and all our residents in my daily prayers. I look forward to the day we can no longer practice social distancing and embrace the beauty of our Villagers!

Kristin Holmberg-Wright
Constable and Emergency Government Coordinator

UPCOMING BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS & BOARD OF REVIEW

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Village Meeting schedule noted below is subject to change. Please note, the June Board of Trustees meeting was changed to the third Monday due to state statutes that govern the Board of Review. All meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held at Village Hall (3615 Hennepin Place).

<p>Monday, April 13th, 2020 at 6 PM: Rain Date(s), same time. Tuesday, April 14th If raining on Monday & Tuesday: Wednesday, April 15th</p>	<p>Board of Trustees Meeting ** OUTDOORS Time moved up to 6 PM 6 Feet Social Distance Truncated Agenda, Agenda TBA in accordance with Public Meeting laws.</p>
<p>Monday, May 11th, 2020 at 7 PM</p>	<p>2020 Board of Review First Meeting immediately followed by the Board of Trustees Meeting</p>
<p>Monday, June 15th, 2020 at 5 PM: 7 PM:</p>	<p>2020 Board of Review Reconvenes Board of Trustees Meeting</p>