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COVID PRECAUTIONS CONTINUE

MASKS REQUIRED IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS | All persons entering Village Hall are required to wear a mask. At this time, the maximum occupancy of Village Hall is 12 persons. Social distancing guidelines apply. The precautions are in effect to help safeguard all who enter the building. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



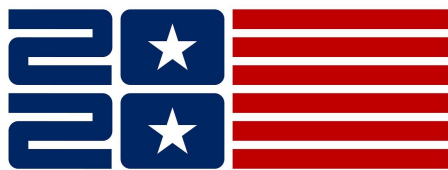
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT | *By Roger Mellem*

None of the terms that I've heard to describe the year 2020 have been complimentary, and some not mentionable in mixed company. It's been the type of day to day existence that leads one to question what's next, what's waiting around the corner and how will it impact me and my family? Not to mention, "what day is this?"

What is important to remember are the many things we are thankful for. The Village Board struggled with whether or not to have Halloween Trick or Treat this year and the decision was made on the basis of community health, both for Trick or Treaters and for village residents. Once that was considered, the decision was a "no-brainer". North Bay has been spared the civil disorder that has plagued other communities. No violent storms or weather events have damaged us and, in general, the residents' health has been good. I realize that some would consider this "whistling past the graveyard" but I believe in positivity and the power of community.

Stay well! *Roger Mellem*

GENERAL ELECTION | November 3rd, 2020



ELECTION DAY

Poll Hours: 7 AM - 8 PM

Masks are required to enter Village Hall.

MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY: 12; *In person voters may be asked to wait outside until space is available.*

★ PRESEDENTIAL ELECTION ★

SAMPLE BALLOT | [Click here](#) to view the 11.3.2020 Sample Ballot or visit URL:

<https://vnbwi.files.wordpress.com/2020/09/11.3.20-general-election-vnb-sample-ballot.pdf>

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

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

GENERAL ELECTION DEADLINES

October 14th	Deadline to register online or by mail. Click here for more details. The URL is: https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoterDeadlines
October 20th - 30th	In-Person Absentee Voting by appointment only.
October 29th - 5 PM	Deadline to request an Absentee Ballot - Regular & Permanently Overseas Voters.
October 30th - 5 PM	Deadline for North Bay residents to register in person at North Bay Village Hall. In person registration is by appointment only.
	Deadline to request an Absentee Ballot - Indefinitely Confined
November 3rd - 5 PM	Deadline for Hospitalized Voters to request an absentee ballot be brought to them by an appointed agent if they are hospitalized in the 7 days preceding the election. Hospitalized electors may request an absentee ballot between October 27th, 2020 and November 3rd at 5 PM.
	Deadline to request an Absentee Ballot - Military
November 3rd - 8 PM	Deadline to return an Absentee Ballot. If you already received an absentee ballot, North Bay electors must return your ballot by mail or delivery to Village Hall by 8:00 PM.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS | All registered voters in Wisconsin can request an absentee ballot to be mailed to them. To check your voter status or to request an Absentee Ballot please visit MyVoteWisconsin at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>. You must provide a photo ID with your absentee ballot request, more information on photo ID can be found [here](#). To request an absentee ballot in writing, download, complete and submit Form EL-121.

Over 70 absentee ballots have been mailed since September 17th to North Bay voters who had requests on file. New absentee ballot requests are processed Monday through Friday within 24 hours of receipt. To track your Absentee Ballot, please visit MyVoteWisconsin at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>.

IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING BY APPOINTMENT 10/20/20 through 10/30/2020

Residents who wish to vote absentee in person may do so by appointment by contacting Clerk Panthofer at vnbclerk@northbay-wi.us.

CONSTABLE | *By Kristin Wright*

OVERNIGHT PARKING | Overnight parking on Village streets is prohibited between the hours of 2:00AM-6:00AM. [Click here](#) to review the Village Code of Ordinances Chapter 15 Section 03 Parking Limitations. If you need to leave a car out overnight, please call the Wind Point Police Department. When asking for overnight parking permission, please provide the start and end date as well as the vehicle/equipment description, including license plate number, to the Wind Point Police. Permission will be granted as long as it is not long term storage.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING CANCELLED | Due to the COVID-19 and the need to maintain a 6' distance and masking, the Board voted to cancel Trick or Treating for this year. We look forward to welcoming the hobgoblins into the Village in a much safer environment next year.

CENTRAL RACINE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (CRCHD) | As reported in the local paper, CRCHD proposed merging services under the auspices of the Racine County government. North Bay is one of 14 municipal members of the CRCHD. CRCHD members will be voting to disband CRCHD by December 2020. North Bay is required by state statute to provide a year's notice of a plan withdrawal. On Monday, September 14th, 2020, the Village of North Bay Board of Trustee approved a statutory one-year notice resolution authorizing the Village's withdrawal from CRCHD and approved the consolidation of the Health Department services into county government.

Together, CRCHD and the Racine County Administration established four objectives: 1) Enhance fiscal and operational stability; 2) Create synergy and reduce redundancies; 3) Improve effectiveness and efficiencies; 4) Determine an equitable funding mechanism.

How will this merger impact North Bay? It will offer a higher level of service and eliminate inefficiencies and redundancies that, in the long run, will lower costs. Initially, North Bay's costs will rise 2% yearly until 2026. In 2027, the yearly payment will be reduced by 20% until December 31, 2030.

CRCHD's current Health Officer, Margaret Gesner, will have a seat on the new Board of Health that will be created after the consolidation. Although the Village may not have representation on the new board, based on North Bay's active involvement since the inception of CRCHD, and, throughout the forging of this consolidation, we are confident that Gesner, the County Executive and other staff members will continue to maintain a close network and open lines of communication with the Village. If you have questions, please contact Constable Kristin Wright at vnconstable@northbay-wi.us.

REMINDER FROM WIND POINT POLICE CHIEF | With the change of season, daylight hours are dwindling. Please turn on your outside lights at dusk. Additionally, lock your car. The Wind Point Police patrols Village streets from 6 pm – 3 am. For non-emergency matters, please call the WPPD at 262-639-3022. During WPPD off hours, the Racine County Sheriff will respond.

PUBLIC WORKS | *By Paul Schroeder*

AUTOMATED RECYCLING COLLECTION BEGINS JANUARY 1ST, 2021 | Automated waste collection is becoming the industry standard because it is safer, more efficient, and less expensive than manual collection. North Bay's current contract ends on December 31st of this year. In order to continue to offer affordable recycling collection services to Village residents, Johns Disposal worked with the Village to phase in automated collection starting with recycling waste beginning January 1st, 2021. Trash, bulk and yard waste collection will continue as usual.

If you have not already submitted your recycle cart size selection form, please [click here](#) or visit URL: <https://forms.gle/e14Lx4sJdubYNAct5> no later than September 30th. Once submitted, you will receive an auto-response confirming your submission. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works Trustee Paul Schroeder at vnpublicworks@northbay-wi.us.

VINCENNES BRIDGE | The beautiful bridge that connects North and South Vincennes Circle is over 100 years old and is nearing the end of its useful lifespan. The Village Board is aware of this and will soon begin working towards a solution. The bridge is inspected annually and the Board anticipates that Public Meetings may be necessary when bridge ratings require action. The Board will continue to keep residents informed.

VILLAGE GRASS ISSUE | Reliable Property Services recently mowed and fertilized the common areas in North Bay. Following the application, the grass turned brown. Per Fred Wensing, Reliable accepts full responsibility to repair the damage to the grass. We ask for your patience and understanding as the situation is rectified.

TREASURER | *By Robert O'Brien*

2020 TAX BILL | Several potential infrastructure projects may require additional funding that will affect your 2020 tax bill. The costs will not be known until late October. Additional information will be published as soon as possible.

WATER & WASTEWATER | *By Roger Mellem*

SEWER | The Board recently had the sewer lines inspected to avoid any future problems. More information will be forthcoming based on any issues discovered that may need correcting. For water and wastewater questions, please contact Trustee Rick Cermak at: vnwastewater@northbay-wi.us

VILLAGE HALL | *By Dori Panthofer*

2021-2023 VILLAGE DIRECTORY | Please watch your email for a Directory Update Survey that is expected to go out later this week. The new directory will be published and distributed in January 2021.

NEW VILLAGE MAIL & DROP BOX | During inclement weather, the current Village mailbox leaks and occasionally damages contents. The installation of a weather-resistant box is expected to occur by October 15th.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS | As of this publication, four Village Board of Trustees meetings are scheduled. To comply with Wisconsin State Statutory requirements pertaining to the Village Budget, the November 10th meeting was moved up to October 26th and the December 14th meeting was moved up to November 30th.

Please note: Meetings are subject to change with proper notice. With proper notice, Stand up Meetings may be scheduled to address time sensitive village matters. Proper notice includes the following: 24 Hour Advance Notice on the Village Hall bulletin board and the Village website under [News and Announcement](#) (URL <https://northbay-wi.us/news-announcements/>) and [Village Calendar](#)(URL <https://northbay-wi.us/calendar/>).

Meetings are held at Village Hall. Meetings are open to the public. Those wishing to present Public Comment are asked to [click here](#) to review Public Comment Guidelines. The URL: <https://vnbwi.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/public-comment-guidelines.pdf>

Board of Trustees Upcoming Meeting Dates

Monday, October 12th	Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, October 26th, 2020	Board of Trustees Meeting - Preliminary Budget
Monday, November 30th	Board Meeting - Final Budget
January 11th, 2021	Village Caucus & Board Meeting

VILLAGE BOARD CONTACT INFO | [Click here](#) or [visit: https://northbay-wi.us/contacts/](https://northbay-wi.us/contacts/)