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**2021 ELECTIONS** | By Dori Panthofer

**SPRING PRIMARY ON FEBRUARY 16th, 2021** | Since fall elections occur bi-annually in even numbered years, the only election cycle in 2021 is spring. A Spring Primary is required on February 16th, 2021 for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This will be the only item on the ballot.

Please note that regular Absentee Ballot applications filed in 2020 expired on December 31st. If you wish to vote absentee this year, you must reapply. Voters who maintain an Indefinitely Confined Voter status will receive their ballot according to WEC rules. If you wish to vote Absentee Ballot, please visit <a href="https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/">https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/</a>.



**POLL WORKERS & CHIEF INSPECTORS NEEDED |** To comply with WEC laws, one certified Chief Election Inspector and 2 Election Officials are required to staff North Bay's polling location. If a scheduled worker suddenly becomes unavailable, it is imperative that back up inspectors are available. Like most communities, North Bay experienced staffing challenges due to COVID-19. The Village is currently seeking to expand the Poll Worker list to ensure adequate staffing. Poll Workers are paid a stipend. For more information, please contact Clerk Panthofer.

**SPRING ELECTION ON APRIL 6th, 2021 - BOARD OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATES |** All Board of Trustee positions are non-partisan. Following their nomination at the 2021 Village Caucus, the following four residents filed Declarations of Candidacy papers and are seeking election on April 6th, 2021.

**President:** Mark J. Schall

C. Rocco Castellano

**Constable:** Kristin Wright (Incumbent)

Clerk: Dori A. Panthofer (Incumbent)

A Virtual Candidate Forum for the Office of Village President is scheduled on Monday, March 8th, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The regularly scheduled monthly Board of Trustees meeting will convene immediately following the Candidate Forum. The Board of Trustees has invited both Village President candidates to introduce themselves, share their qualifications, and state why they seek to serve as Village President. This is your opportunity to decide how you will vote on April 6th. Login credentials will be published no later than March 5th, 2021.

### **CONSTABLE** | By Kristin Wright

#### A LETTER FROM CONSTABLE WRIGHT

"Hello North Bay Neighbors, I am happy to announce that CodeRED is now available in North Bay. This is a value added service coordinated by the Wind Point Police Department (WPPD). North Bay residents who are interested in signing up for electronic emergency notifications and/or weather alerts may do so. Additional details appear in the CodeRED article below. If you have any questions about CodeRED, feel free to call me or the non-emergency WPPD phone number that appears toward the end of this article.

Another value added service -- while patrolling North Bay at night, if a WPPD Officer notices a garage that was left open, the WPPD officer on duty will contact the resident via the phone number listed in the directory. Please make sure your current phone number is on file with the Village of North Bay. Please note, a new directory is scheduled to be distributed in early April.

As a reminder, WPPD patrols Village streets from 6 pm - 3 am. During WPPD off hours, the Racine County Sheriff will respond.

This is a trying time for all of us and I am confident better days are ahead. Stay safe and be well."

# -- Constable Wright

**CodeRED EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM** | CodeRED is a geographical based system that allows emergency officials to notify residents by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications, including weather alerts. Participation is not automatic, meaning each resident must electronically sign up on either their computer or their mobile device. Participants may select how little or how much information to receive and may opt out at any time. Choose from Emergency Notifications only or both Emergency Notifications & Weather Alerts.

Access points from your computer or mobile device appear below. It is fast and easy to sign up.

- Computer, visit <u>CODE RED EMERGENCY ALERTING SYSTEM</u>
   URL: https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/42B2D9DB5844
- Mobile Device, visit your App Store and search: Code Red Mobile Alert

As always, in the event of an emergency, please dial 911.

The non-emergency number for WPPD is 262-639-3022. Please use this number for all non-emergency matters, including questions on the new CodeRED system, to file a travel alert, or request assistance with Village Ordinance enforcement.

### PUBLIC WORKS | By Paul Schroeder

**SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER** | Please do not blow or plow snow into the street. If you have a snow removal contractor, please notify them also. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, please help keep it clear. Thank you!

### WATER & WASTEWATER | By Rick Cermak

**LAKEFRONT REPAIRS** | High lake levels and large waves caused movement of the large armor stone creating five washout areas. The washouts of the soil behind the rock barrier created voids that needed to be filled. The Village contacted a local contractor to fill these voids with large stone as a preliminary repair. Lake level changes and the intensity of the waves will determine when further action will be needed. The lakefront protection needs are being monitored.

### TREASURER | By Robert O'Brien

**PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS** | For those who are paying their property tax bills in 2021, copies of tax bills are available online using Racine County's <a href="MyTaxBill web app">MyTaxBill web app</a>. Tax bills or payment questions? Contact the Village Treasurer at 262-681-0898 or <a href="mynthstyle="ynthstyle-type: 264-681-0898">wnbtreasurer@northbay-wi.us</a>.

**LOTTERY & GAMING CREDIT** | If your North Bay home was your primary residence as of January 1, 2020, look at your tax bill to verify the credit was applied or check the <u>Lottery Credit Finder</u>. The 2020 Lottery & Gaming Credit set by the State is \$165.18 and is based on revenue from the Wisconsin lottery, pari-mutuel on-track betting and bingo during the year. The credit can only be claimed for one property and cannot be claimed by renters or on business property, rental units, vacant land, garages or other property that is not the primary residence of the owner. To add or remove the credit from the 2020 tax bill, contact the Village Treasurer at <a href="mailto:vnbtreasurer@northbay-wi.us">vnbtreasurer@northbay-wi.us</a> or 262-681-0898 no later than January 31st, 2021.

**WISCONSIN INCOME TAX FILING** | When completing your individual Wisconsin Income Tax returns, please indicate the Tax District on page 1 as the Village of NORTH BAY, County of RACINE and School District Number 4620. This information will provide the Village with valuable tax credits.

**2021 DOG LICENSE REMINDER** | If you own a dog, please complete and return the dog license application inserted with your tax bill. Additional applications are available on the <u>Village website</u>. State law requires dogs 5 months of age or older to be licensed each year. Owners of unregistered dogs may be cited by the Wind Point Police Department for non-compliance with local and state statutes.



### **VILLAGE HALL** | By Dori Panthofer



### **COVID PRECAUTIONS CONTINUE**

If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, are currently COVID positive, or are awaiting results from a COVID test, please <u>do not</u> enter Village Hall.

At this time, the maximum occupancy of Village Hall is 12 persons. Masks must be worn to enter and social distancing guidelines apply. The precautions are in effect to help safeguard all who enter the building. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**VIRTUAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS** | As of this publication, Board Meetings are scheduled to convene virtually via ZOOM. Login credentials will be posted on the Village Bulletin Board located on the door of Village Hall and will also appear on the Village website in 3 places no less than 24 hours in advance of each meeting: 1) Village Calendar; 2) News & Announcements and Agendas; 3) Minutes. Meetings are open to the public. Those wishing to present Public Comment are asked to review <a href="Public Comment Guidelines">Public Comment Guidelines</a>. The URL: <a href="https://vnbwi.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/public-comment-guidelines.pdf">https://vnbwi.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/public-comment-guidelines.pdf</a>

## **Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting Dates**

7 PM - February 8th, 2021	Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
7 PM - March 8th, 2021	Village President Candidate Form Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
7 PM - April 12th, 2021	Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
7 PM - May 10th, 2021	Oath of Office (President, Constable, Clerk & Assessor) Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

VILLAGE BOARD CONTACT INFO | Click here or visit: https://northbay-wi.us/contacts/