



# NORTH BAY NEWS

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello North Bay Neighbors,

One of the wonderful aspects of our village is the park-like atmosphere but this also results in constant foot traffic of pet owners, walkers, and runners on our streets even throughout the winter months, So we need to be cognizant of this presence and drive at prudent speeds both on public streets and private drives. Respect for each other and visitors is one more thing that makes North Bay special.

(I am also contacting service providers like Fedex and UPS and reminding them to drive at appropriate speeds)

For Village related emails, please direct messages to: [vnbpresident@northbay-wi.us](mailto:vnbpresident@northbay-wi.us). For all phone calls, please call my home number: 262-681-9353.

Sincerely, President Mark J. Schall

## ELECTIONS

### LETTER FROM TRUSTEE #1 CANDIDATE RICHARD D. SCHMITT

Hello fellow North Bay residents,

My name is Richard (Rich) Schmitt and I am a candidate for Trustee #1 Public Works on the April 5th, 2022 ballot. My wife, Jennifer and I moved onto Lighthouse Drive almost 5 years ago and we greatly enjoy the community and people.

In addition to serving as a Chief Election Inspector since 2018, I am interested in Village governance and attend most Village Board meetings. You may also see me walking my dog, Sophia (a Weimaraner) through the neighborhood quite often.

My goal is to contribute what I can to help keep our Village running smoothly and as enjoyable as possible. I know many of you, and look forward to meeting new faces as we work together to maintain our fabulous community. I would like to thank Paul Schroeder for his years of service and look forward to working with him to both ensure a smooth transition and gain valuable knowledge on the activities of the office. That said, I ask you for your vote on April 5th, 2022.

Sincerely, Rich Schmitt



**SPRING ELECTION | APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

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

**VOTER REGISTRATION** | Eligible Wisconsin Voters who have a current and valid Wisconsin Driver License or Wisconsin State ID Card may register online for the Spring Election now through March 16th, 2022. Your name, date of birth, Wisconsin Driver License or State ID number, and address must all match the information on file with the Wisconsin DMV. If you miss the deadline, or prefer to register by mail or in person, please contact [Clerk Panthofer](#).



[CLICK HERE](#) to:

**Register to Vote; Apply to vote absentee; Verify your Voter Information; Update your Name or Address; Find your polling place**

The URL for the Voter Registration link noted above is: [www.myvote.wi.gov/en-us](http://www.myvote.wi.gov/en-us)

**ABSENTEE IN PERSON VOTING** | The first day to vote Absentee In Person is **March 22nd and ends on April 1st, 2022**. Hours appear below. No appointment is necessary. NOTE: Valid photo ID is required.

Tuesday & Thursday from 1 PM - 4:30 PM at Village Hall (3615 Hennepin Place)

**BUILDING INSPECTORS**

*Inspectors Albert Kosterman (Building/Fence/HVAC), Gregg Hansen (Electrical) & Rick Herman (Plumbing)*

**THE PERMIT PROCESS**

Should you obtain the building permit or leave it to the contractor, if you're working with one? It's a common question and the answer is simple: Let the contractor handle the permit. He/She knows about the process and can accurately answer questions about the project when applying. He/She can address issues that might come up during inspections. And he/she becomes the contractor of record listed on the permit, meaning he's/she's liable for fulfilling its terms. If a contractor insists that you take out the permit or tells you a permit is not needed for a major job, it should raise a red flag.

If you're going to do the work yourself, you can get your own permit. Then, however, you'll be the one responsible for following the codes. If you plan to hire someone to help, you'll also need to file a Certificate of Insurance with the permit application.

Building permits are mainly about safety. By enforcing construction standards, they give you and the other occupants of the building the best chance to avoid fire, structural failure or something as simple as a child getting his head caught between stair posts. If you decide to move, the permit process also protects future owners.

The first reason to obtain a building permit is that it's illegal not to. If you fail to get a permit for work that requires it, you can be fined. You may be forced to remove a building or tear out completed work. But there are plenty of positive reasons for following the permit process as well: It keeps your contractor honest; It guides do-it-yourself projects; It keeps Homeowners Insurance valid; It's valuable when you sell your house.

**BUILDING INSPECTORS | Continued**

**VALID PERMIT(S)** | Any construction work, including demolition, cannot begin without obtaining the correct permit(s). A project may require multiple permits, including but not limited to Building, HVAC, Fence, Electrical, Plumbing and Conditional Use.

Please note that all applications must be reviewed and approved by the Village **before** a permit is issued, meaning **work cannot begin until the application has been processed and approved**. Once approved, a placard is issued which should be posted in a location that is visible from the curb.

**EMERGENCY REPAIRS & PERMITS** | A major storm damages your home. Your pipes freeze. Your water heater goes out. A tree falls on your roof. Chances are, protecting your home is the only thing on your mind.

That said, Contractors know it is their duty to contact the Building, Plumbing and/or Electrical Inspector to obtain the proper permits BEFORE work begins, even in emergency situations. A person seeking an emergency repair permit must demonstrate there is an imminent threat to public health, safety, welfare or property, or a significant degradation to the environment, if the work is not immediately begun. Emergency permits are issued on a site-by-site basis.

**DNR PERMITS** | Please contact the DNR regarding **state mandated permit requirements** for any and all erosion control and grading projects that are adjacent to navigable waterways, including Lake Michigan and the creek that flows through North Bay. For more information, please visit: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waterways/shoreline/shoreline.html>

**COMMON PROJECTS** | Permits are needed for many home improvement projects. Some projects require more than one permit. Note that in certain instances when a Zoning Permit is needed, there may also be a Conditional Use Permit requirement. It is best to contact one of the inspectors or Zoning Administrator during the planning phase of the project to determine what permits will be needed. To avoid penalties, please apply for permits before work begins.

Examples when permits are or *may* be required. This is not a complete list.  
Questions? Contact an Inspector.

Additions; Alterations/Remodeling; Alternative Energy Systems; Chimneys; Antenna & Other Transmitters; Deck; Demolition; Dishwasher New or Replacement (Plumbing & Electrical), Door(s) if changing size or location; Driveway (Maybe - Right-of-Way Permit may be required; repairs or sealing do not require permit); Ductwork (HVAC Permit required); Electrical New; Electrical Repairs (Maybe - Electrical Permit not required for minor repairs and maintenance to switches, receptacles and fixtures costing less than \$500 for parts and labor); Fence - New or Replacement; Foundation Repairs; Fireplace (Gas or Wood Burning); Furnace/Boiler/Heat Pump (HVAC & Electrical, Plumbing may be required for gas lines); Gas Lines; Garage/Sheds/Other New Structures); Garbage Disposal, New or Replacement; Light Fixtures NEW or changing location; Plumbing New; Plumbing Repairs (Maybe - Plumbing Permit required for removing and replacing any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe); Pool/Hot Tub; Porch - New; Retaining Walls - Required for New or Substantial design change or if new footings are required; Roof - New or Replacement; Sewer - Sanitary or Storm; Sump Pump; Siding - New or Replacement; Sinks - New or Replacement; Toilet/Water Closet (Maybe - Plumbing Permit required for new toilet; permit not required for removal and reinstallation, providing it does not involve the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes

or fixtures); Water Heater - New or Replacement; Windows (Maybe, Building Permit required for new windows and *replacement windows if changing the size of the opening*).

**CONSTABLE** | *Kristin Wright*

**FROM THE DESK OF POLICE CHIEF VON DRASEK** | Residents are encouraged to utilize the department for “vacation checks” to help the Officers be more aware of your home and the surrounding area. Also, as always, 'if you see something, say something.'"

**WPPD OFFICE EQUIPMENT** | The police office is redoing the office and is seeking an L-shaped desk or file cabinets that can be locked. If you or anyone you know has equipment that they are no longer using and are willing to donate them, please contact either Chief Von Drasek (262) 639-3022) or Constable Wright at (262) 994-5920 who will make arrangements to have them picked up.

**TREASURER** | *Robert E. O'Brien*

**2022 DOG LICENSE LATE FEES BEGIN 4/1/2022** | If you own a dog, please license your dog by April 1st to avoid a late fee. Applications are available on the [Village website](#). 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.

**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.

**VILLAGE HALL** | *Clerk Dori A. Panthofer*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS** | As of this publication, four Village Board of Trustees meetings are scheduled. General meeting information, including Public Comment Guidelines, may be found on the Village Meetings page. The URL is: [www.northbay-wi.us/trustee-meetings/](http://www.northbay-wi.us/trustee-meetings/)

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES** | Meetings are expected to be held at Village Hall located at 3615 Hennepin Place but may be held virtually via Zoom with proper notice. Meeting notices and agendas are posted on the bulletin board at Village Hall and the Village website under [News and Announcement](#) (URL [www.northbay-wi.us/news-announcements/](http://www.northbay-wi.us/news-announcements/)) at least 24 hour prior to the meeting.

March 14th,2022	7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting
April 11th, 2022	7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting
May 9th, 2022	7:00 PM 2022 Board of Review 1st Meeting <i>Immediately followed by the Board of Trustees Meeting</i>
June 13th, 2022	5 PM 2022 Board of Review 7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

**CONTACT INFO**

Visit <https://northbay-wi.us/contacts/> for the list of Executive Board Members (ElectedOfficials), Appointed Officials and Service Providers.