

NEPEUSKUN NEWS

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## ***September, 2017***

**Town Website:** Visit [www.townofnepeuskun.org](http://www.townofnepeuskun.org) The website has zoning ordinances, permits, Town Board & Plan Commission meeting minutes & agendas, land use ordinances, history, and much more. Check it out!

**RUSH LAKE PROJECT** – The improvements to the North landing are complete. The gate will remain closed except during hunting seasons due to past problems with littering. Annual cleaning of cattail bogs at the dam was completed on August 28. A water quality monitoring program has begun where several samples will be taken at specific locations on the lake at specific times during the year. Winter time burning of cattails is being planned for the upcoming winter. The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the Waukau Youth Center. If you are looking for a good cause for a tax deductible contribution, you may consider Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, Inc. (RLWRI). Please contact the **RLWRI Directors from the Town of Nepeuskun for more information and upcoming meeting dates: Brett Helmbrecht, Bob LaBuda and Ron Bahn. Visit the website <http://www.rushlakewi.com>**, also on Facebook.

***THANK YOU!!***

To the brush cutting crew for all the clean-up after the storms!

**4-H NEWS** – Hello from Lakeshore 4-H. We would like to thank everyone for supporting our Father's Day Ice Cream Social this past year. Hope everyone enjoyed it. We had another wonderful year at the fair. We will be planning for a fall outing with the youth and the youth will again be selling mums as a fund raiser. So if anyone is interested in purchasing one you can contact any 4-H member or leaders. Also, if anyone is interested in joining 4-H, we meet the second Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the Nepeuskun town hall. Contact Kathy Wunrow at 920-290-2664 with any questions.

## **Dates To Remember**

**2018 BUDGET HEARING - Monday, October 16, 2017, 6:30 p.m., at the Town Hall**

**RUSH LAKE PROJECT MEETING - Thursday, October 19, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at the Waukau Youth Center**

**RECYCLING – Every third Saturday of the month – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall**

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS – Every third Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall**

**REGULAR MONTHLY PLAN COMMISSION MEETINGS – Usually every first Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** – Town officials do not regularly travel all Town roads in order to observe hazards. If there is a down tree, pothole or gully, snow that was not plowed, etc. – Please contact any Town official to let them know.

**GARBAGE PICKUP** – Private garbage pickup is available in the Town. You may contact Jon Schure for more info at 920-361-2970.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?** The Town of Nepeuskun is continuing to compile a list of residents, landowners and any other interested parties who would desire to be contacted by email with public information. Please visit the Town of Nepeuskun website to register. Look for the Email Sign Up Tab. Your information will not be shared.

**ZONING & BUILDING PERMITS** - All property in the area designated as SHORELAND need to meet the zoning requirements of both the TOWN and COUNTY ZONING. Persons who own property in shoreland (special emphasis on structures within 300 feet of shore) need to contact the TOWN ZONING ADMINISTRATOR and COUNTY ZONING OFFICE before removing any structure, maintaining existing buildings, or building new. Much of the Town of Nepeuskun is located in SHORELAND. If your property is located near a stream, intermittent stream, ditch, pond, or lake your property is probably in SHORELAND. Maps of SHORELAND can be found online at Winnebago County GIS. Printed maps are also posted at the TOWN HALL.

The County Zoning Office provided the following information: Shoreland zoning regulations were mandatory to adopt in 2016 for Winnebago County and affect all homes in the shoreland area. Major changes include the limit on impervious surfaces and the ability to repair and rebuild non-conforming structures. Permits may need to be applied for both with Winnebago County. A survey (on site visit) may also be needed to qualify you for either of these regulation benefits to landowners. If you are planning construction in the shoreland area please contact Winnebago County. We prefer to be pro-active rather than react because we cannot do anything once a structure is removed and you may not be allowed to rebuild or add it back. Call or email at Winnebago County Zoning Department 920-232-3344

[ZoningDepartment@co.winnebago.wi.us](mailto:ZoningDepartment@co.winnebago.wi.us)

**TREES ALONG TOWN ROADS** – A landowner whose property adjoins a Town road may own the road right-of-way (ROW) if the road crosses the land by easement. In this case, the landowner is paying taxes to the center of the road. The other case would be where the Town owns the ROW. By far the most common situation in Nepeuskun is by easement. So, with an easement, the landowner owns the trees. When a tree falls due to storm or other means, the landowner is responsible for cleanup (WI Statute 86.03). Of course, if the tree was outside the easement area and fell in the ROW, the landowner would also be responsible for cleanup. If the landowner did not clean up the tree and the Town did so, **the Town could bill the landowner. Nepeuskun has not done so in the past nor does it intend to do so.**

***There are not any elections for the Fall of 2017.***

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION** - The existing County Farmland Preservation Plan expires on December 31, 2017. Landowners who were enrolled for the 2012 – 2017 time period were notified as to their desire to renew for the next 10 years. New signups have also been received. The County Plan must be approved by the State (DATCP) for landowners to participate and receive tax credits. Since Winnebago County provided for signup on a completely voluntary basis, approval by the State is questionable. Tax credits for 2017 will be in place. Landowners who signed up will be notified on the program status for 2018 by the end of January 2018.

**STORM CLEANUP OF TREES AND ROUTINE BRUSH CUTTING** - The Town employs its own brush cutting and storm cleanup crew and is very fortunate that local people are willing to do this work with a significant cost savings versus hiring the County Highway Dept. For the crew to work more

efficiently, the Town has adopted a new policy of immediately removing the firewood that would be generated at the time of cleanup. This replaces the old policy of leaving it lay for at least 2 weeks and then returning to pick it up if the landowner does not do so.

**LANDOWNERS WHO WANT TO CLEAN UP TREES IN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY** - If a landowner wants to clean up a tree that it owns and has fallen in the ROW, the Town will create a list of such landowners. The landowner should clean up the entire tree including large pieces and the brush. This newsletter and a posting on the Town website will serve as the public notice for this new policy. You may contact any Town official to have your name put on the **“Landowner Tree Cleanup List”**.

**2018 BUDGET HEARING** - The Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at the Town Hall.

**Please plan to attend!**

### **RECYCLING, COMPOSTING, & BURNING GARBAGE**

To view information sheets, go to to <http://dnr.wi.gov> and then search recycling publications and then search WA-1785 for composting and WA-1373 for burning garbage.