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Town Website: Visit 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 – Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, Inc. (RLWRI) terminated its large-scale planning project. Written reports that discuss the now-ended planning effort and Rush Lake’s uncertain future are available for download at rushlakewi.com. At RLWRI’s last meeting, October 27, 2020, the paid project manager for the now-ended project shared that they are working with Ducks Unlimited (DU). The project manager shared that DU has been awarded funding from two sources. Additional approvals were needed, but if what was discussed progresses as planned, DU will be conducting a controlled burn on Rush Lake in the winter of 2021/2022. The DU project also contemplated herbicide application and invasive *Phragmites* control. RLWRI knows no new specifics about the DU project, and it is expected to be a focus of RLWRI’s next meeting. The next RLWRI meeting is Tuesday, April 13th, at 7 p.m. at the Nepeuskun Town Hall.

More information on RLWRI and the above items can be found on rushlakewi.com and on Facebook www.facebook.com/rushlakewi/

VOTE-VOTE-VOTE - PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PHOTO ID TO VOTE! - Tuesday, April 6, 2021 is Spring Election Day! Voter registration will be required for anyone not previously registered within the Town of Nepeuskun. Please bring required documentation. Information can be found at – myvote.wi.gov. Polls at the Town Hall will be open from 7 a.m. till 8 p.m. Sample ballots will be published in the Oshkosh Northwestern. Please continue to wear a mask and social distance while voting. The ballot will include: State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Court of Appeals Judge, District 2, County Executive, Town Board Chairperson, Town Board Supervisor 1, Town Board Supervisor 2, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Town Constable.

2021 ANNUAL MEETING - The annual meeting for the Town of Nepeuskun will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at the Town Hall, 1475 County Road E, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will contain approval of minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting, presentation and review of the 2020 Annual Report (Financial Statement) for the Town, followed by any statutory or advisory matters as desired by the electors present. **Please plan to attend!!!**

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to Dennis Miller and Lindy Luker for their years of service on the Town Plan Commission and to Brett Helmbrecht for his service to the RLWRI. Town Residents! Be safe picking up garbage along our roads. Thank you for keeping our township clean!

4H NEWS - COVID-19 has put a limit on our regular meetings, however, we did get together in December to create tie lap blankets for the residents at Country Villa Assisted Living, in Omro. Former 4-H member, Makala Kasuboski, works there and so Lakeshore thought it would be nice to do something to make the residents' Christmas a bit brighter during this COVID pandemic. Makala found out what each resident liked and we did blankets according to their interest. On Christmas morning, all 32 residents received their own personal blanket with a note attached from Lakeshore 4-H club. In the pictures are 4-H members Addi Kasuboski and Aaden Davis tying blankets, and Makala and co-worker handing them out. We are hoping with nicer weather coming, we will be able to start meeting again outside. As of now they are planning on having the county fair this year so we will be busy working on our projects. If anyone is interested in joining 4-H, you can contact Kathy Wunrow 920-290-2664 or Tanya Weis 920-229-6782. We are always happy to have new members.



FARMLAND PRESERVATION - The Town Plan Commission (TPC) continues to work on the FP zoning ordinance amendments necessary for State certification and eventually the opportunity for landowner tax credits. This will renew the program for those who participated previously and allow for new participants. A public informational meeting regarding these amendments should be held in the next several months. Any landowner that will be affected by these zoning changes will be notified by a letter of the meeting date, time and location. Further questions can be directed to the TPC Chair Ronald Bahn at 920-570-3296.

SHORELAND DESIGNATION - Much of the property in the Town of Nepeuskun has been designated as "shoreland". Two facts indicate whether or not your property is designated shoreland: 1) shoreland is property that is located 300 feet from a stream—the stream maybe as small as a ditch that has water in the ditch only part of the year, or a creek and 2) property that is 1000 feet from a natural pond or lake. Property designated as "shoreland" has special requirements that must be met when improvements are proposed for the property. Property that is in "shoreland" must meet the most restrictive requirements of the Town of Nepeuskun Municipal Code and the requirements of Winnebago County. If you have questions about whether your property is designated "shoreland" you may view the Shoreland Overlay on the Winnebago GIS site at <https://wecgis3.co.winnebago.wi.us/shoreviewer/> . You may also contact the Town Zoning Administrator or Winnebago Zoning Department for assistance in determining if your property is designated as "shoreland".

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NEPEUSKUN CEMETERY HISTORY - by Greg Bellmer

The peoples of the Town of Nepeuskun, Koro, and Rush Lake, began using what was then known as the Koro Cemetery in the mid-1800s. The first known grave in the cemetery is that of Roxalang Foote, who was born in 1804, and was buried in the cemetery in 1845, at the age of 41. The cemetery is also the final resting place for many other pioneers that first settled in this area over 175 years ago along with their descendants today.

From the beginning there are many beautiful historical hand carved marble and granite markers that grace the grounds and it is worth your time to walk the grounds to look them over. The cemetery also has many veterans buried among its grounds that participated in all of America's wars, from the American Civil War to the present.

The cemetery is known today as "Nepeuskun" and is a nonprofit organization managed by The Nepeuskun Cemetery Association, elected each year by the association. Anyone who owns a gravesite in the cemetery is a member of the association and has full voting rights at the annual meeting. The cemetery gets no government money for its operation and is 100% self-supporting by savings of the association and by private donations.

The Association is governed by the elected Board of up to 7 Trustees. The current Board Members are:

- Tom Stobbe.....President
- George Stollfuss.....Vice President
- Greg Bellmer.....Secretary/Sexton
- Keith YedinakTreasurer
- Jeff Lind.....Trustee
- Burton Werch.....Trustee

The Board is there to serve you and to ensure that Nepeuskun Cemetery retains its beauty that makes it unique.

The upkeep, burials and day to day operation is the duty of the trustees and supervised by the cemetery sexton. The cemetery is open year round from dawn till dusk, weather permitting.

Today Nepeuskun has the financial resources to continue to maintain perpetual care and enhance the beauty of the cemetery. Still, additional funds are always needed and welcomed. Some suggested donation ideas are:

- Tree trimming & removal
- Headstone cleaning & repair
- Tree addition & replacement
- Land acquisition fund
- Or just a cash donation

We encourage you to consider making a donation for the care of this beautiful cemetery. The Cemetery is the special place it is today because of the many gifts, bequests and, most of all, because of the many efforts of the caring people of today and those who have gone before us. The cemetery still has many open burial locations throughout the cemetery so if you are interested in making Nepeuskun Cemetery your final resting location place, please contact the cemetery sexton, Greg Bellmer, at 920-290-4182. For general information, please contact any of the cemetery board members.

Dates To Remember

SPRING ELECTION - Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., at the Town Hall.

RLWRI BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall.

2021 ANNUAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall.

OPEN BOOK - Monday, May 10, 2021, 4-6 p.m., at the Town Hall.

BOARD OF REVIEW– Thursday, May 20, 2021, 4-6 p.m., at the Town Hall.

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 – Every second Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall.

Town of Nepeuskun
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RECYCLING – Every third Saturday of the month – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Please be respectful of these times. Our recycling attendant is scheduled to work these hours to assist township residents. Thank you.

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.