

# NEPEUSKUN NEWS

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**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** – Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, Inc. (RLWRI) is seeking public input for the Rush Lake planning project. A public questionnaire will bridge sentiment to potential lake management plan initiatives, and will be used to guide future planning and implementation work. The questionnaire has 23 questions, is expected to take 14 minutes to complete, runs through Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and can be completed online or in paper format. Complete it online by clicking the link at [WWW.RUSHLAKEWI.COM](http://WWW.RUSHLAKEWI.COM) or emailing [RUSHLAKEWI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RUSHLAKEWI@GMAIL.COM) which will provide an automated response with the link. A paper copy can be picked up/ submitted at the Ripon Public Library or by calling Brett Helmbrecht at 920-915-7932. If at all possible, please complete the questionnaire online. Doing so saves time and money since all paper copies must be entered online by a team member before the results can be analyzed. The next RLWRI meeting is Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. You can find more information on Rush Lake Project initiatives at [rushlakewi.com](http://rushlakewi.com), on Facebook [@RushLakeWI](https://www.facebook.com/RushLakeWI), or by contacting the Town of Nepeuskun's Directors, Brett Helmbrecht, Bob LaBuda, and Ron Bahn.

**VOTE - VOTE - VOTE** – Although there are not any elections for the Fall of 2019, here's what to look forward to in 2020:

[2020 Spring Primary](#) - 02/18/2020

[2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary](#) - 04/07/2020

[2020 Partisan Primary](#) - 08/11/2020

[2020 General Election](#) - 11/03/2020

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](http://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.

**TOWN PLAN COMMISSION** - Will now meet on the 2nd Monday of each month, to remain consistent when there is a Holiday on the 1st Monday of the month (September=Labor Day).

**THANK YOU!!**

Brush Cutting Crews once again—from straight line winds, storms, and regular maintenance, thank you for your timely response.

**F**ARMLAND PRESERVATION - The County Board approved the Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP) submitted by Nepeuskun on 9/17. The County will now submit it to the State (DATCP) for certification. After that, the Town will be amending its Comprehensive Plan (Land Use map) to incorporate the FPP. Then the Town will be updating its Zoning ordinance to allow landowners to apply for the State income tax credit beginning in 2020. Nepeuskun will then be the only Town in Winnebago County with a State Farmland Preservation program available to its landowners. For the current tax year (2019), those landowners who have participated in the past will be able to claim the State income tax credit. Be sure to contact the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Dept. to get certified as you have in the past.

**4**H NEWS - Another great fair has come and gone. Now is the time to get started for another 4-H year! If anyone is interested in joining 4-H, you can contact Kathy Wunrow @ 920-290-2664. Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Nepeuskun Town Hall, beginning at 2 p.m. The 4-H club will be selling mums. If interest please give Kathy Wunrow a call.



Every year, citizens of Winnebago County lose thousands of dollars to the activities of scammers who bombard us with online, mail, door-to-door and telephone scams. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office has seen the devastating effects scams can have on people and their families. One of the best ways to combat this kind of fraud is to help you take measures to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

**Follow these top 10 tips to protect yourself!**

1. Watch out for scams— scammers target you anytime, anywhere, anyhow.
2. Don't Respond- ignore suspicious emails, letters, house visits, phone calls or SMS messages-press 'delete', throw them out, shut the door, or just hang up.
3. Don't agree to an offer right away- do your research and seek independent advice if it involves significant money, time or commitment, and get the offer in writing.
4. Ask yourself who you're dealing with- scammers pose as people or organizations that you know and trust.
5. Don't let scammers push your buttons- scammers will play on your emotions to get what they want, including adopting a personal touch.
6. Keep your computer secure- always update your firewall, anti-virus and anti-spyware software, and only buy from a verified source.
7. Only pay online using a secure payment service- look for a URL starting with 'https' and a closed padlock symbol.
8. Never send money to someone you don't know and trust- it's rare to recover money from a scammer.
9. Protect your identity- your personal details are private and invaluable; keep them that way and away from scammers.
10. If you've spotted a scam, spread the word!- tell your family and friends, and report it to the Federal Trade.

**If you did or did not fall victim to a scam—**Contact Deputy Peter Ehlert at [pehlert@co.winnebago.wi.us](mailto:pehlert@co.winnebago.wi.us) with information about the (attempted) scam. This will aid us in advising the community of (potential) scams targeting Winnebago County. Share this information with family and friends.

**S**HORELAND ZONING - Much of the Town of Nepeuskun is identified as being in "SHORELAND". "SHORELAND" is defined as being within 1000 feet of a water body or 300 feet from a navigable stream. Many navigable streams are only navigable with spring runoff or after a very heavy rain. To determine if your property is in "SHORELAND" you may view the maps at the Town Hall or check the Winnebago on line GIS database or call Zoning Administrator at 920-216-5717. Because "SHORELAND" is defined by the State of Wisconsin and enforcement of the laws are delegated to Winnebago County, **permits and fines** are the responsibility of Winnebago County Zoning Office. In addition to "SHORELAND" being zoned by the County, both Town and County Municipal Code apply to "SHORELAND" and the Wisconsin "SHORELAND" protection requirements apply.

**What is the "SHORELAND PROTECTION"????????????????**

**Removal or cutting of any vegetation including trees may require a Zoning Permit issued by Winnebago County. Before cutting or removing vegetation within 35 feet of the navigable stream or water body it is important to check with Winnebago County Zoning [920-232-3344] to determine if a permit is necessary. Failure to secure a permit may subject the land owner to a fine and require the replacement of vegetation. The cost of a permit is minor compared to the potential of a fine and the cost of replacing vegetation.** The purpose of "SHORELAND PROTECTION" is to provide a natural buffer to reduce runoff and protect water quality in addition to maintaining a natural looking shore.

**Permit required for removal of vegetation within 35 feet of water to protect Shoreland Vegetation.**



**F**ROM THE TREASURER - Please let me know if you have a change of address or if you will be 'heading south' for the winter so that I have a 'good' address to mail tax bills (920-361-1494). Don't delay getting your dog's shots up to date. Dog License information will be included in the Tax Notice with your property tax bill and will state the following: Pursuant to Section 174.052 Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given to all owners of dogs in Winnebago County that rabies vaccinations and dog license are required.

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| <b><u>DOG TAX EXTRA:</u></b> Neutered males / Spayed females | \$ 3.00  |
| Unneutered males / Unspayed females                          | \$ 8.00  |
| Multiple Dog License (includes up to 12 tags)                | \$35.00 (+ additional \$3.00 per tag over 12 tags) |

I MUST HAVE YOUR **VETERINARIAN'S CERTIFICATE** VERIFYING THE DOG'S NAME, COLOR, BREED, WHETHER IT'S MALE OR FEMALE, (NEUTERED OR SPAYED) and DATE OF LAST RABIES SHOT, EXPIRATION DATE, TYPE OF VACCINE & MANUFACTURER'S SERIAL NUMBER BEFORE ISSUING A LICENSE. The certificate WILL be returned to you. If the dog is a combination of breeds, I must have a GOOD DESCRIPTION of the dog. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Nepeuskun and mailed to me at Town of Nepeuskun, Missy Gravunder, Treasurer, 2301 Wall Street, Berlin, WI 54923.

## Dates To Remember

**OPEN BOOK - October 16, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and October 17, 2019, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Town Hall.**

**2020 BUDGET HEARING - October 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m., at the Town Hall.**

**RUSH LAKE PROJECT MEETING - Thursday, October 24, 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall.**

**BOARD OF REVIEW - October 28, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 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, 6:30 p.m., at the Town Hall.**

Town of Nepeuskun  
c/o Melissa Gravunder, Treasurer  
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**WE NEED YOUR HELP – Rush Lake Project Questionnaire-online and paper submissions will be accepted through November 7. The online link is at [www.rushlakewi.com](http://www.rushlakewi.com). A paper version can be picked up and submitted at the Ripon Public Library or by calling Brett Helmbrecht at 920-915-7932.**

**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.