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## Town Officials

Ed Sedor, Chairperson	715-732-1295
Dan Staudenmaier, Supervisor 1	715-732-0320
Don Pazynski, Supervisor 2	715-735-5585
Karen Sylvester, Supervisor 3	715-732-4206
Patrick Ravet, Supervisor 4	715-732-4371
Clarence Coble, Clerk/Fire Chief	715-582-3557
Vilas Schroeder, Treasurer	715-582-9280
Cindy Hagerl, Administrative Assistant	715-582-0327
Oren Ninnemann, Constable	715-582-3495
Ronald Walters, Assessor	715-789-2415
Leo Krivickas, Building Inspector	715-732-2218 or 715-938-1721

## Town of Peshtigo Recycling Center Extended Hours

The Town of Peshtigo Recycling Center is located at W1945 Old Peshtigo Road. The hours of operation are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Extended days of operation, effective January 2006, include the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month if applicable from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month if applicable from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Center accepts tires, appliances and air conditioners with Freon, stoves, microwaves, washers, dryers, and any kind of metal including siding and soffits, televisions, automotive oil, paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, aluminum, tin, batteries, bagged garbage and yard waste. No cooking oil, anti-freeze or motor vehicles are accepted.

Town of Peshtigo residents have two options for refuse disposal and recycling. Roadside pickup can be arranged through Waste Management by calling 715-582-1095 or drop off your refuse and recycling at the Town of Peshtigo Recycling Center.

The following minimal charges apply to Town of Peshtigo residents:

- \$ 1.50 for each bag of garbage
- \$ 1.00 per car and light truck tire with rim \$2.00
- \$ 6.00 per semi-tire and large farm tractor tire
- \$20.00 for each appliance which contains or contained Freon
- \$10.00 per television

## Free Computer Disposal

Computers are now being accepted at the Goodwill Store located at 2545 Roosevelt Road in Marinette. Bring in your monitors, printers, central processing units and laptops. Their program will refurbish and reuse some machines, strip and sell others for parts and completely recycle some of the computers. And the best part is – it's FREE and you are helping your community at the same time!

## Rabies and Licensing for Your Dog

Rabies is a dangerous and potentially fatal disease. The State of Wisconsin recognizes this danger and requires, by law, that all dogs shall be immunized with the rabies vaccine. This immunization is for the safety and health of all animals and especially all humans who may be bitten. Your veterinarian will immunize all dogs and issue to the owner a tag to be worn on the dog collar.



The State of Wisconsin also requires by statute that an **ANNUAL** dog license be purchased. The Town of Peshtigo Treasurer is an agent for the State and has tags for purchase (at State cost), \$3.00 for neutered dogs and \$8.00 for un-neutered dogs. Wis. Statutes 174.05, 174.054, 174.055 and 174.07.

## Ad-Hoc Drainage Committee

In 2005 the Town Board appointed Bruno Brysiewicz, Jim Devcich, Bob Kowalski, Dean Magnin, Herman Pottratz, and Richard Seils to the Ad-Hoc Drainage Committee. This Committee is charged with developing a program which will monitor and recommend maintenance on the drainage ditches running through County, State and privately owned property in the Town Of Peshtigo.

According to information uncovered by Mr. Seils who has assumed chairmanship, these ditches were dug sometime around 1946. Seils is on a quest to uncover when the original Drainage Commission dating back to the 1940's was established, what its responsibilities were, and when or if it was dissolved. These drainage ditches which traverse throughout the Town, and are not the ditches running along the Town's highway system, are a vital link in keeping low lying lands drained.

## April 4, 2006 Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election is to be held in the Town of Peshtigo on Tuesday April 4, 2006, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 and ending April 8, 2008.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Town Board Supervisor #3	Karen M. Sylvester
Town Board Supervisor #4	Patrick Ravet

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2005 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 3, 2006, in the office of the Town Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday February 21, 2006.

## Mandatory Voter Registration Begins in 2006

Beginning January 1, 2006 you can register to vote at the Town of Peshtigo Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You will need your valid driver's license. In the event you do not have a driver's license, you will need your social security card or a Wisconsin I.D. If you have not previously registered, you will need to do so before the next election which is currently scheduled for April 4, 2006.

The Town of Peshtigo has become a "Provider" and will enter the data for voter registrations for the Town and Village of Pound, Town of Porterfield, Town of Grover, and the Village of Coleman.

By registering, you will be listed in the Statewide Voter Registration System which is mandated by the State of Wisconsin and will provide better tracking systems for Wisconsin voters. If you are not currently registered and can't come in to register before Election Day, please bring the required identification when you come to vote and be prepared to register on that day.



## What Are You To Do With All Your Leaves?

By Karen Sylvester

Mulch them directly into your lawn. According to studies, mulching leaves directly into the lawn is beneficial to the health of the lawn because it recycles nutrients back into the soil. This leads to a richer soil, causes lawns to green up faster in the spring, and provides a softer surface for physical activities. The leaves don't have to be raked or bagged – only mowed. Why spend your money on fertilizers when mulching your leaves can reduce the costs of fertilizing and saves natural resources. I thought you'd want to know.



## Timber Cutting at the Recycling Center

The Town of Peshtigo has requested quotations for timber cutting at the Recycling Center in hope of maintaining sound forestry management practices. Anticipated completion date is February or March.

## Your Fire Number

How does your fire number look? Is it visible from the road? You can order the new two-sided fire number for a replacement fee of \$15. Call the Clerk's office for additional information at 715-582-4332.

## Municipal Court & Joint Comprehensive Plan Updates

The Town of Peshtigo is in the process of working with the City of Peshtigo on a joint municipal court. If an agreement is reached, the court will be in place sometime in early 2006.

Also, the Town of Peshtigo and the City of Peshtigo continue to work on the Joint Comprehensive Plan which is a statement of public policy concerning the conservation and development of the Town and City of Peshtigo. The plan provides a guide to where future growth and development should occur within the area over the next 20 years. The funding for the Joint Comprehensive Plan has been paid in its entirety through State grants. These grants would not have been possible if the City of Peshtigo had not agreed to the joint planning process, therefore, should you have occasion to see any City of Peshtigo officials please thank them for their cooperation in this matter.

## Annual Meeting Date Set

The Town of Peshtigo Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Please watch for the upcoming agenda that will be posted at the Town of Peshtigo Town Hall, and posting areas on Shore Drive and Hale Road. Notice will also be posted on the Town's website at [www.townofpeshtigo.org](http://www.townofpeshtigo.org).



**The Town of Peshtigo  
Supervisors and Staff Wish  
You a Happy and Safe 2006!**

## Recycling Grant Funding

The Town of Peshtigo also receives recycling grant money based on the amount of recyclables collected. The Town Board wants to be sure we surpass the tonnage requirements set by the State. Therefore, all residents are urged to recycle as much as they can. Those items which should be recycled, and for which we receive grant dollars are: newspapers, magazines, corrugated paper, aluminum containers, steel and bi-metal containers, glass containers, and #1 and #2 plastics. Your cooperation in helping the Town to receive its grant funds is greatly appreciated. In the end, these grant moneys help to keep our tax rate as low as possible and we all win when that happens.



## Town of Peshtigo Fire Department News

The Town of Peshtigo Fire Department was established in 1964 and provides emergency services to over 3,000 residents within the 75 plus square mile area that comprises the Town. The department is a volunteer department and its firefighters are on call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year.

The Town's firefighters are trained and equipped to respond to a variety of emergencies. These include structural, vehicle and wild land fires. The department also responds to vehicle crashes, providing patient extrication with its Jaws of Life and assists emergency medical services upon request for other life threatening incidents.

Our firefighters come from all walks of life and they live in our community. They are volunteers and hold regular jobs in addition to being firefighters. All of their training, the meetings and work details they must attend are on their own time. They receive only nominal compensation for responding to emergency calls. In addition, there is a small retirement fund established for them based on length of service.

Our dedicated firefighters are: Chief Clarence Coble, Assistant Chief Grace Pennings, Bruce Anderson, Mark Baumler, Chris Callies, Mary Dill, Robert Eggener, David Flom, Steve Floriano, Mike Folgert, Scott Frederiksen, Mark Grawey, Jim Meyer, Mark Monnette, Tom Patenaude, Brian Peterson, Geoff Peterson, Bryan Peth, Tim Roggendorf, Norman Rohde, David Rose, Theresa Rose, Richard Seils, Charles Valitchka, and Jay Zahn. If you see these people please be sure to thank them for risking their lives for all of us and for giving so freely of their valuable time and energy. Be sure to thank their families as well. Without them we would not have a Fire Department.

If you are interested in learning more about the Town of Peshtigo Volunteer Fire Department please contact Chief Coble at 582-3557 or Assistant Chief Pennings at 582-3384.



### Donation Received for Fire Department

Donations totaling \$30,000 were given to eight local organizations by the Badger Paper Mills, Inc. Local 2-0227 United Steel Workers, formerly P.A.C.E Paper Allied Chemical and Energy Workers Union. The funds were accumulated over 40 years by members. The Town of Peshtigo Fire Department received a very generous \$5,000 donation from this fund.

### Fire Department Retirees Thanked

Alan Bird, Amber Lynwood, and Rose Peth retired from the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department this year. Alan has served 10 years with the department, Amber 19 years, and Rose 23 years. Each of these individuals contributed vast amounts of their time and energy over the years into making the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department what it is today. Their service will not be forgotten and we thank them for all of the sacrifices they and their families have made.

### The Board of Fire Commissioners

Members to the Board of Fire Commissioners, Chairman Bill Johnson, Secretary Roberta Kowalski, Alex Dudka, Tim Kodric, and Don Wahl, were appointed in late 2004. Some of their responsibilities include appointing the Fire Chief, evaluating equipment and budgetary requests, and approving all appointments, promotions and terminations made by the Fire Chief. The Commission has met five times in 2005. The Town Board is pleased with the progress they have made and will continue to rely on them for needed insight into the needs and to help improve our Fire Department.

### Town Hall Hours of Operation

The Town of Peshtigo Town Hall is located at W2435 Old Peshtigo Road, Marinette, Wisconsin 54143. Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The phone number is 715-582-4332 and fax number is 715-582-4330. You can also reach us by email through the website at [www.townofpeshtigo.org](http://www.townofpeshtigo.org) or at [topinfo@townofpeshtigo.org](mailto:topinfo@townofpeshtigo.org).

**All Town of Peshtigo newsletters will be available on the website at  
[www.townofpeshtigo.org](http://www.townofpeshtigo.org)**

## National Incident Management System Training (NIMS)

In the last few years there have been a number of emergency situations which have proved that emergency responders must be able to communicate clearly and work together more effectively. While most emergency situations are handled locally, major incidents like September 11<sup>th</sup>, Hurricane Katrina, or the F5 tornado in Siren, Wisconsin showed us that help may be needed from the state and the federal government. NIMS was developed so responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines can work together better to respond to natural disasters and emergencies, including acts of terrorism. NIMS benefits include:

- Unified approach to incident management;
- Standard command and management structures;
- And Emphasis on preparedness, mutual aid and resource management.

This course introduced NIMS and took approximately three hours to complete. It explained the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. The course also contained "Planning Activity" screens giving the participant an opportunity to complete some planning tasks during this course.

Town of Peshtigo fire fighters along with Town Supervisors Ed Sedor, Karen Sylvester, and Patrick Ravet completed the training and received certificates.

## Another Positive Year for Road Maintenance

*By Don Pazynski*

Approximately 5.4 miles of Town roads were resurfaced this past season with 3/4 mile shared with the Town of Little River on Hale Road. In addition, about 2 1/2 miles of ditches were dredged to help insure better water drainage to protect roads in the Krause Road area intersecting with Keller and Dahl Roads.

This marks the third year of an ambitious effort to upgrade Town roads. We now have over 19 miles of newly resurfaced roads not counting new gravel on gravel roads. Looking ahead to 2006, another 5.1 mile project is anticipated for resurfacing bringing the four year total to approximately 27% of all of our roads. It is felt at present that after 2006 the remainder of Town roads will be in relatively good shape. This is not to say there will not be any further resurfacing, but that we will be able to lessen our pace.



We are continually monitoring all Town roads by checking traffic counts to detect any changes in traffic patterns. This allows us to better look ahead to determine future resurfacing needs. At the same time your Town Board is continually on the look out for any financial grants that might become available to lessen the cost of future road maintenance. Your Board is pleased to announce all of this progress without any increase in our taxation mill rate.

## We Want You!

In the coming months, committee and commission appointment terms will be expiring and appointments will be made. The Town Board is seeking Town residents who would like to become involved in Town government through its various boards, committees, and commissions. If you are interested in donating some of your time for the public good, please contact Chairman, Ed Sedor or the Town Clerk, Clarence Coble for an application form.

**Board of Appeal** members include Chairman Bob Fraik, Ed Kowalski, Gerald Pennings, Tim Kodric, Ralph Spitzmacher, and Cheryln Hanneman.

**Plan Commission** members include Chairman Ed Sedor, Richard Seils, Karen Sylvester, Ed Malechuk, Tom Fetterly (term expires April 2006), Robert Cerrato (term expires April 2006), Bruno Brysiewicz, and Denise Wiedemeier.

## **Do I Need a Permit?**

Did you know that the Town of Peshtigo has ordinances that require permits? Examples of permits needed include; new structures, building additions, razing structures, ponds, outdoor solid fuel heating devices, driveways and all roads. To get more information on required permits, call Leo Krivickas at 715-938-1721.

## **Compilation of the Code of Ordinances**

The Town Board has met approximately eleven times throughout 2005 to work its way through the Code of Ordinances as prepared by Attorney Alan J. Harvey of Community Code Service. The Code of Ordinances covers such things as: Government and Administration, Finance and Public Records, Public Safety, Public Works, Licensing and Regulation, Health and Sanitation, Public Utilities, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Offenses and Nuisances, Parks and Navigable Waters, Zoning, and the Building Code. The Town Board is striving to have a public hearing regarding the Code of Ordinance in early 2006. The notice for the public hearing will be published in area newspapers and on the Town's website at [www.townofpeshtigo.org](http://www.townofpeshtigo.org).

## **Website News**

Have you recently visited our website? The address is [www.townofpeshtigo.org](http://www.townofpeshtigo.org). It is updated weekly by Town of Peshtigo Treasurer Vilas Schroeder and is full of useful information. The site includes agendas and minutes of meetings, newsletters, Peshtigo and Marinette school district maps, Town of Peshtigo map, information on recycling, permits, ordinances, fire department, property taxes, town calendar and links to other sites and local businesses.

If you would like your Town of Peshtigo business listed on the site, please call Vilas Schroeder at 715-582-4332 on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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## **Adopt-A-Highway Program Approved**

The Town of Peshtigo is implementing an Adopt-A-Highway program which organizes residents to pick up litter on Town of Peshtigo roadways. Road cleanup should be done three times per year between the months of April and November. Garbage bags and vests will be provided. Your family/organization/business may choose the road they wish to adopt and an "Adopt-A-Highway" sign will be erected at no cost to you. Call Cindy Hagert, Administrative Assistant, at 715-582-4332 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for an application and further information. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The Town of Peshtigo reserves the right to reject any application for this program.

***Check out our latest news!***