

# NEPEUSKUN NEWS

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**Town Website Address:**  
[www.townofnepeuskun.gov](http://www.townofnepeuskun.gov)

The website has zoning ordinances, permits, Town Board & Plan Commission meeting minutes & agendas, land use ordinances, history, and much more. Check it out!

## **Annual Town Budgeting**

It's time once again to comb over the expenses and revenues for the Town. If you are unfamiliar with the Town budgeting process, it is a two-part system. First the budget workshop is held, which is the time where each line item is looked at and the recommendation if any changes are needed. Then a budget hearing is held for an elector approval of the newly proposed budget. Annually these meetings dictate where our money is spent. Please join us at the Nepeuskun Town Hall in November to learn more about the finances of the township.

This a great time to help explore new ideas or plans for the future to better use our taxes. Also, if you are curious where certain allocations are made, these meetings will answer those questions.

All residents are welcome to come!

**Budget Workshop:** November 6th at 5pm in Town Hall

**Budget Hearing:** November 17th at 6pm in Town Hall

**THANK YOU!**

**Tom Schumacher for his donation of labor, parts and supplies used for repairing the Rush Lake Dam.**

**Jim Heise and Shawn Schumacher for donating wood chip mulch around the Town Hall.**

**To all residents who make it a priority to clean up our Town ditches. Correct disposal of litter ensures a cleaner tomorrow!**

**Mark your calendar, VOTE-VOTE-VOTE! 2026 Election Dates and Information:**

**Spring Primary - Feb 17, 2026**

**Spring Election - April 7, 2026**

**Partisan Primary - August 11, 2026**

**General Election - November 3, 2026**

Polls are open 7am to 8pm. Voter registration is required for anyone not previously registered within the Town of Nepeuskun. Please bring the required documentation. For information on voter registration or absentee ballots, please visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).

**REMEMBER TO BRING A VALID PHOTO ID!**

### **Lakeshore 4-H**

Lakeshore 4-H has just completed another successful year at the Winnebago County Fair. Every year a unique theme is chosen for the fair, this year's was "Carnival Lights and Action Packed Nights". To go along with this theme our club chose to decorate their exhibits as "Superheroes at the Fair". We had 12 youth participating in exhibits, everything from animals such as cattle, swine, horses, chickens, rabbits to an array of crafts, crops and gardening projects.

Lakeshore would like to take this time to give a thank you to those who supported our annual Ice Cream Social and also to Jeff Prellwitz for keeping our 4-H corner looking nice!



To anyone interested in joining 4-H, we are always happy to have new families be part of the club. There are many opportunities when you join 4-H, from trips to fun activities to exhibiting at the county. If interested, you can contact Kathy Wunrow 920 290 2664 or Tanya Weis 920-229-6782. You may also stop by one of our monthly meetings, a schedule is posted at the Town Hall.

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### **Anti Horse Thieves Association**

Anti Horse Thieves Dinner is just around the corner, mark your calendar for January 15, 2026, and feel free to bring a guest. With fall in the air, the horses are grazing peacefully in the pasture. There have been no recent reports of missing horses in the Township or area. Questions about the dinner, contact Les at 920-410-4142.

Leslie Achterberg, President

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### **Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, Inc.**

The RLWRI has recently finalized a plan with the help of Stantec to help eradicate nearly 300 acres of cattails on Rush Lake. Although the plan still needs to be approved by the WI DNR, it would incorporate the use of an herbicide to effectively control the spread of cattails in certain areas. This procedure has been used in the past as one option to put distance between the never-ending encroachment of the unwanted species.

Other methods of control have been expressed in years prior. For example, controlled burning has been a goal in the past, but certain elements of those burns need to link up in order to have a safe and effective burn. Unfortunately, those elements have not presented themselves over the past few seasons.

Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, Inc. (RLWRI) is a non-profit 501©3 for Rush Lake and its watershed. Founded in 2002, its mission is "dedicated to implementing a practical plan that allows Rush Lake, its affiliated streams, and connected wetlands to achieve, their full recreational, aesthetic, and wildlife potentials for the mutual benefit of those who live, work, study, and recreate in the watershed."

For more info contact; Todd Thelen, RLWRI President 262-370-0440 [rushlakewi@gmail.com](mailto:rushlakewi@gmail.com) [www.rushlakewi.com](http://www.rushlakewi.com)

## **History and Community Thoughts**

By Tom Krueger,

This section of the newsletter will bring you some fascinating information about the Township's growth and development over the 179 years since the history began. Interviews with residents will acquaint with the diversified mix of 300 households and the 700 persons who enjoy the Township's qualities as you do.

For starters, did you know there is a book compiled solely about experiences related to our Town, **ROOTS AND RUSHES The Town of Nepeuskun** (written by Myrtle Tews Mitchell). Almost 400 pages (8.5x11) was published in 2004 and chronicles the first years of organization in 1846-1847 and the subsequent events including "The Nepeuskun Anti Horse Thief Association" formed in 1880 and the Township's Nepeuskun Cemetery started in 1880 and has more than 2000 grave markers. An excellent way to dive into the history surrounding our Town's past.

One Friday evening in September I spent learning about your and my neighbors, Lyndon and Delores Luker's experiences with the Town of Nepeuskun. Delores brought out the aforementioned book of Nepeuskun history and offered to loan it to me for a couple day lookover. I determined the book to be a labor of love for the author and her three caring survivors who wanted to see Myrtle's dreams and efforts brought to bear fruit. The supportive and industrious group included Bette Mitchell, Marjorie Lind and Rogene Scoville. I am sure the respect and love of the township inspired the work.

Lyndon was born in the township in 1939 and is a lifelong resident. He attended the Rush Lake School on County E and then Ripon High School. His early memories include the steam train arrivals and departures in Rush Lake just a long block from the Luker family home and the commercial components of the Rush Lake community including John Schroeder's general store with a dance floor on the second floor, and the feed mill and blacksmith shop located on the Rush Lake Loop. At age 16 Lyndon began working for Phil Prellwitz in his Phil's Motor Service in Rush Lake and continued with Phil when the business became Phil's Tire Shop and expanded with a Ripon location. With the exception of an active-duty U.S. Navy period from February 1958 to February 1960 Lyndon lived in the township and moved to his job at Speed Queen Company after his Navy duty.

Delores and Lyndon married in June of 1953, and Delores became a fulltime township resident. Delores' work included Berlin Sandknit, Republican House waitressing, Advertisers Manufacturing, Fabriko, Ripon Foods, and Ripon College. And of course, Delores was a busy Mother for 2 sons and 2 daughters.

The Lukers have been and are active participants in township affairs. Favorite things the couple enjoys about the Town of Nepeuskun are "the rural community feel" and the recycling convenience.

Thanks much to Lyndon and Delores for sharing an evening with me and letting us get to better know our neighborhood.

If you know of someone who would be interested in sharing their history of the Town, please contact Tom at 920-229-1555 to set up an interview.

## Dates to Remember

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**RECYCLING – Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. 7am - 12pm 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.**

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**RECYCLING** – October 4th & 18th, November 1st & 15th, December 6th & 20th, January 3rd & 17th, February 7th & 21st, March 7th & 21st. Look for more dates in the upcoming Spring newsletter. There is a recycling attendant on hand during operation hours, dumpsters may only be used during this time. Please remember these are for recyclables only! 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.