

# NEWSLETTER – Spring 2019

## *Spring has sprung!*

Anyone who has spent time in Wisconsin knows; just because the calendar says spring is here, Mother Nature may have something else in mind.

The winter of 2018-19 has been a record setter. It started with cold temperatures, then warm-ups and rain followed by a record amount of snow. We seem to have seen it all.

We saw what the rapid warm up in mid-march could do with all the snow. Frozen culverts meant that some of the roadways and driveways 'over-topped' with ditch water. The large amount of snow melt meant that streams swelled their banks and farm fields became lakes; often threatening to flood adjacent homes.

With this spring melt being fresh in everyone's minds, it's a good time to be reminded of a few rules.

Rule #1. Never plow your snow across the street; it causes obstructions for the snow plow drivers, it often plugs the drainage courses and its illegal! Your snow stays in your yard.



Rule #2. Never fill in a ditch; whether a road ditch or a ditch along your lot line. It serves an important purpose. It allows surface water to drain away from streets, homes, and allows fields to dry. Filling of ditches often leads to flooding issues up stream. If your ditch has already been filled, consider re-opening and re-establishing the drainage way.

Rule #3. Leaves do not belong in the ditch. Leaving leaves in the ditch in fall causes them to plug in the spring. The Town has a yard waste facility available for free for all residents; please make use of it.

Rule #4. If you have a catch basin in front of your house keep it cleaned off. As winter wore on many catch basins and stormwater inlets were covered in snow or frozen over, prohibiting the stormwater from getting to them and draining away.

Rule #5. Sump pumps are not allowed to be hooked up to the septic system. Sump pumps pump clean groundwater away from your foundation; if your home is not connected to a stormwater system your sump is required to surface flow away from your house, or into an adjacent ditch.



# Renew Our Waters

Every choice counts.

## A Waterway in Your Front Yard

The ditch in front of your home is an important part of a regional drainage system that must be protected.

Ditches, or swales, are often placed along roads and in drainage easements along side/back lot lines as a part of your community's stormwater system. This ditch system treats stormwater from individual lots by encouraging water to sink into the ground, and carries excess stormwater downstream to the nearest creek, stream or river.

### WHOSE DITCH IS IT?

Most road side ditches are owned by your municipality, however, side and back lot line ditches may or may not be. Contact your municipality to verify.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Your municipality welcomes your assistance in efforts to maintain the ditch, or swale, that touches your property. Below are a few ways you can help monitor the ditch near your property or in your community.

**The ditch in front of your home is a part of your community's stormwater system - a regional drainage system that must be protected.**

- ☐ Remove trash or debris and dispose of properly.
- ☐ Report offensive color, odor and presence of sludge.
- ☐ Report presence of natural gas, oil, gasoline odor or if surface film is present.
- ☐ Report signs of invasive species
- ☐ Report presence of standing water for extended periods of time
- ☐ Do not dump anything into the swale. This is prohibited by your local municipality, State and Federal Government, unless the appropriate permits are obtained.
- ☐ Do not alter the shape of the swale. (Any changes made to the swale in front of your property need prior approval from your municipality.)
- ☐ Do not replace the grass with rock, bark, plants or other vegetation other than grass. (Any changes made to the swale in front of your property need prior approval from your municipality.)
- ☐ Do not use fertilizers or pesticides in the ditch.
- ☐ Prevent off-street parking or other activities that may cause rutting or compact the soil in the swale.

Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn or washing the car on the driveway. This water runs off our properties, into the street and down the storm drain or through the swale conveyance system - picking up pollutants on its way. The water and the pollutants it carries is discharged into local waterways.

Untreated runoff is the biggest threat to our nation's water quality, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Let's make the small, important changes that will reduce that threat and improve water quality and our lives!

## Realize

What touches the ground enters the water

Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium

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RenewOurWaters.org



## Scott Municipal Utility (SMU) Update

**System Maintenance** - Pouring chemicals, hazardous waste and medications down the drain will cause all these to enter the environment. Flushing wipes, dental floss, fats, oil, wax and grease can cause basement backups, and add costs to your sewer bill. Proper disposal of these items is easy. Learn how you can *Love Your Pipes* and protect your health, the environment – and your pocketbook! Find out more at [www.newwater.us/LoveYourPipes](http://www.newwater.us/LoveYourPipes).

**“Flushable” Wipes** – Wipes do not dissolve and should not be flushed, they clog the sewer system and pumps causing extra costs for SMU and you, as the customer, when the equipment must be pulled, cleaned and replaced.

**FOG Advisory** – In an effort to keep the sanitary sewer system working efficiently SMU is asking people to refrain from dumping any Fats, Oil, or Grease (FOG) down their drains; it clings to and severely clogs the sanitary sewer system. This in turn requires the Sanitary District to hire a sewer jetting company to clean and remove FOG from the sewer system.

SMU would also like to remind all residents that it is illegal to attach a sump pump to the sanitary system. Sump water is to be surface drained or attached to the storm sewer system, if available. The Town’s sewage lift stations provide a count of how many gallons are pumped daily. During wet rainy days this number increases dramatically, due largely to sump pumps being illegally connected to the sanitary system. This action raises the volume portion of the rates for everyone on the system. We want to remind customers that each residence and business is subject to inspection and a series of fines if found to be illegally discharging into the sewer system.

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## Electronic Bill Payments

The Town is now set up for receiving payments via Automatic Payment. There is no charge for this service. If you are interested in signing up for Automatic Payment for your utility bill, please contact the Town Hall for an authorization form. With Automatic Payments the utility bill payments will be taken directly out of a checking or savings account on approximately the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each quarter (January, April, July and October).

We are also set up for receiving payments via credit/debit card; either here at the Town Hall or from your own computer/tablet. The company that is providing this service is called “Government Payment Services”. There is a 2.65% service fee for this with a \$1 minimum charge (this fee goes to Government Payment Services). Credit/Debit card payments made at the Town Hall include: Water/Sewer Bill, Building Permits, Bartender/Operator License and Dog Licenses. Website: [www.govpaynow.com](http://www.govpaynow.com)

~ Use ‘Pay Location Code’:     **a002ht** – for Utility payments  
                                              **a002hs** – for all other payment types

The Town is also offering to e-mail utility bills, upon request. Please call the Town Hall if you need assistance.

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## Trash & Recycling Collection

The Town contracts with Advance Disposal for rubbish and recycling collection services. They would like to remind customers of current policies.

- ~ Garbage and recycling carts should have at least 5 feet of separation between containers.
- ~ Carts should be set out early the morning of the assigned pick up date.
- ~ Carts must be removed from Town ROW within 24 hours of garbage or recycling pickup.
- ~ Trash and recycling materials may be picked up by either 2 different trucks; or one truck with 2 compartments.
- ~ Recyclables: please use the blue-lidded recycling cart to its fullest potential.
- ~ Do not recycle plastic grocery bags or place recyclables in plastic bags. Doing so jams the recycling machines and greatly reduces the efficiency of the recycling process.
- ~ Pick up for both garbage and recyclables is normally scheduled for Friday.

When a holiday occurs, all curbside pickup is delayed one day. 2019 the garbage/recycling delay will occur after: Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day & New Year’s Day 2020.

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# WEQUIOCK AND MAHON CREEK WATERSHED PLANNING EFFORT BEGINS



photo credit: Megan Hoff

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (UWGB) Cofrin Center for Biodiversity and UW Sea Grant have partnered with the Town of Scott and Brown County to develop a community-based watershed plan for Wequiock and Mahon Creek watersheds.

The Town of Humboldt and City of Green Bay will also be involved in the planning process. This exciting collaboration aims to engage local citizens, municipal leaders, and students in improving water quality and wildlife areas in Wequiock and Mahon Creeks.

The goal of this project is to create a long-term plan to preserve and improve water quality for the future of the community. The watershed planning process will involve gathering input from community members on their highest priority issues that relate to conservation and water quality in the watershed.

Using this feedback, the watershed plan will provide specific actions to meet watershed goals that are community supported. The watershed plan will also meet the EPA's Nine Key Element criteria, which is a way for community members to receive grant funding to implement conservation activities recommended in the plan.

## WHAT DO WE MEAN BY 'WATERSHED'?

A watershed is the area of land that drains all the rain and snowmelt to a common waterway such as a creek, river or lake.

What happens on the land can greatly impact the health of the watershed. Road salt, pesticides, fertilizers, manure, oil drips, and coal tar-based driveway sealants are pollution sources that degrade water quality for drinking, recreation and wildlife.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are all in this together! What are the most important things that you would like to see incorporated in the plan related to conservation or water quality improvements?

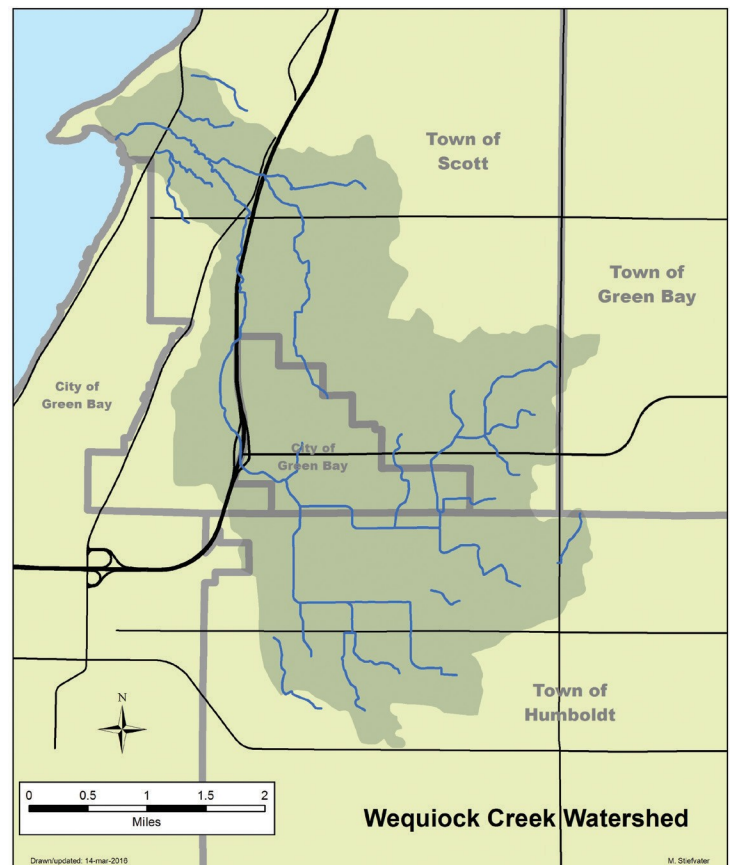
To answer this question, we will host several Town Hall meetings with community members to gather your knowledge and concerns to guide the planning process. The first Town Hall meeting will be in late summer; be on the lookout for updates!

## SUMMER FIELD WORK

UWGB graduate student, Megan Hoff, is helping to develop this plan as part of her Master's degree. This summer she will be working in the watershed collecting information on streambank erosion and water quality in Wequiock and Mahon Creeks, and conducting an inventory of agricultural and other land use practices.

## LEARN MORE

We are always looking for additional volunteers, and we welcome any questions, comments or ideas that you may have about this effort. If you would like to learn more or become involved, please contact Megan Hoff at 847-274-4809 or at [hoffml32@uwgb.edu](mailto:hoffml32@uwgb.edu)



*The Wequiock Creek watershed drains into the bay of Green Bay.*

## Scott Business Park

Last year the Town acquired a 38.5 acre parcel on the north side of Algoma Road, west of the STH 54/57 interchange. The intent is to develop the site as a business park. In the Town there are very few business sites available and with the Town having a long term goal of becoming a village; business development is very important.

The Town is planning on dividing the parcel into multiple lots; with Commercial frontage on Algoma Road and the rear of the site being light industrial.

Without advertising or having it listed by a real estate agent the Town has already received multiple call from interested parties. This development will not only help promote local business it will also help the Town in meeting the goals and requirements for becoming a village.

## ~~~~~ Walk to Mary

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

The annual pilgrimage walk will start at the Shrine of St. Joseph at Old St. Joseph Church on the St. Norbert Campus and end at the Shrine of our Lady of Good Help, in Champion. This pilgrimage walk will run thru the Town of Scott; along Bay Settlement Road, with a lunch break at Holy Cross. For safety reasons the walkers will be shuttled across Hwy 57 and resume their pilgrimage at the corner of Van Lanen Road and South Holland Road. Their walk will continue east on Van Lanen Road thru the Town of Scott. For more information and a map of the route visit their web-site: [www.walktomary.com](http://www.walktomary.com)

## Spring Elections

**~ April 2, 2019 ~**

Election races include:

~ Town Chairman

~ 2 Supervisors

~ 2 Constables

~ Brown County Executive

~ State Supreme Court Justice

Residents vote at the Town Hall

2621 Jody Drive

New Franken, WI 54229

**7:00 am to 8:00 pm**

Questions? Contact:

Town Clerk John Roth or

Deputy Clerk Debbie

VandenLangenberg

(920) 406-9380

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## Scott Municipal Utility

**~ SMU Call Numbers ~**

Billing questions call Town Hall:

(920) 406-9380

Sewer and Water problems call:

Larry Skaletski, Operator

(920) 660-5030



## New Franken Fire Department Events

The 2019 New Franken Fire Department's Annual Smelt Fry Fundraiser will be held Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, serving food 11am-8pm and Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, serving food 11am-2pm. The Smelt Fry is held at the New Franken Fire Station. Volunteers are appreciated to help clean smelt on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 5 pm.

The Annual Walk/Run: To be determined. Time and date to be announced.

If you are interested in helping the Fire Department, please join the 'Friends of New Franken Fire Department'. The Friends help organize fund raisers events. All funds are used for the purchase of equipment which helps reduce the demand on taxes. Interested? Find them on Facebook or contact Carolyn Tielens at (920) 660-1807.

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## Yard Waste Site

The Town's Yard Waste Site is located at the end of Bertrand Lane, west of CTH T. The site is open April 3<sup>rd</sup> through Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. Hours: **Wednesday 3:00 – 7:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.**

The Yard Waste Site accepts grass, brush, leaves, & garden waste only. It does not accept stumps and large debris. The Town does not provide curbside collection for any of these items, we ask all residents to make their own provisions for properly disposing of these items. Finnel Landscape has been contracted to process yard waste materials at the site. Wood chips & compost can be picked up when available, during regular hours. Please follow directions as posted or as provided by the attendant.





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## Kids can help too!

There are lots of things kids can do to help keep our rivers and lakes clean.

Have you ever thought about where rain goes after it lands on your house or driveway? Rain drops roll down your driveway and into the road. Once in the road, rain enters the storm drain - the grates in our city streets.

Do you know what happens to things that enter the storm drain? Water or any thing else entering those drains travels through pipes and empties right into our rivers and lakes!

You can help clean up our local rivers and lakes by making sure only rain goes down the storm drain.

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### CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Pet waste is not only gross to find in yards or on sidewalks, it carries bacteria and germs that cause beach closings in the summer.

To keep our waters clean, pick up after your pet often. Even waste in your backyard can pollute local waters.

Bring a small plastic bag with you on walks and pick up after your dog.

### HELP WITH THE YARD

Grass clippings and leaves from our yards are causing our lakes and rivers to turn green! You can help by sweeping grass clippings off your driveway and sidewalk back onto your lawn after your mom or dad mows the grass. You can also help your dad and mom rake up the leaves in your yard in the fall!

### GET SOME EXERCISE

You may have heard that car and trucks can cause air pollution but did you know driving cars and trucks can also affect water? Oil, grease and dirt that fall from our vehicles when we are driving are washed into storm drains and into our rivers and lakes. One way to help clean up water is to drive less. Instead of asking for a ride, ask your mom or dad if you can walk or bike with them to a friend's house or the park!

**MOST IMPORTANTLY, NEVER PUT ANYTHING DOWN THE STORM DRAIN. THE FISH AND FROGS AND ESPECIALLY YOUR FRIENDS DON'T LIKE TO SWIM WITH GARBAGE! ONLY THE RAIN GOES DOWN THE STORM DRAIN!**

Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn. As water makes its way to the storm drain it picks up pollutants like oil from car leaks and bacteria from pet waste. When we choose products carefully and dispose of products properly, we can greatly reduce the amount of pollution that enters our local waters through runoff.

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## Dog License Application – Town of Scott

Dog license expire on December 31 of each year as indicated on the license – avoid added cost to dog licenses by renewing them when they expire at the end of the year. It is the requirement of owners to license all dogs (WI Stat 174). All dogs must have current rabies shots. If your dog is currently licensed in the Town and the rabies shot has not expired within the past year, the Town will have a copy on file – there is no need to send the certification. If your dog is no longer a part of your family, please sign the back of your license and state the reason. Return to the Town of Scott Town Hall so that your dog can be removed from the Town records.

**Licensing fees:**

\$10.00 Male or Female – Not Neutered or Spayed

**If your dog is Neutered or Spayed the following fee applies**

\$5.00 Male or Female – Neutered or Spayed.

**\$5.00 late fee if licensed after April 1 (per license)**

**Please send Payments & Info to:**

Town of Scott Clerk/Treasurer

2621 Jody Drive

New Franken, WI 54229

(920) 406-9380

**Dog License Form** - Fill out completely and return with correct fee. Necessary information needed to license a dog is found on your veterinarian rabies certificate.

Owner's Name:

Address:

Zip:

Dog's Name\_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One) Male or Female

Neutered or Spayed: Yes/No

Late Fee: Yes/No

Total Fee:\_\_\_\_\_

Color:\_\_\_\_\_

Breed:\_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Mfg:\_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Serial:\_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Expiration:\_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name\_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One) Male or Female

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Rabies Expiration:\_\_\_\_\_

If you have a complaint in regard to barking dogs or dogs running at large, please contact one of the Town Constables: Leland Baenen at (920) 866-2658 or Kurt Baenen (920) 660-3517.

Town of Scott  
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