NEWSLETTER – Spring 2021

Town of Scott

Brown County

Wisconsin

It's Construction Season! Bay Settlement Road and Van Lanen Road will be re-constructed

After years of waiting, planning and engineering Bay Settlement Road and Van Lanen Road are going to be re-constructed. The Town has received a grant of over \$900,000 to help fund this \$1.2 million-dollar project.

Over 10 years ago the Town reconstructed the southern portion of Bay Settlement Road, adding curb, gutter, and bike lanes.

This portion of the Bay Settlement Road reconstruct from north of Church Road to Van Lanen Road will match the southern portion; with curb, gutter, and bike lanes.

Van Lanen Road from Bay Settlement Road west to the Town/City limits will be have an extensive re-conditioning. The entire road will be cut down and re-built be cut down and re-built with a proper base, new asphalt, and paved shoulders. When complete Van Lanen Road will still have road side ditches to provide for proper drainage and runoff.

Construction will begin in April of this year, and will be completed by fall.

Throughout the summer the roads may have only 1 lane open, and at times will need to be closed completely to thru traffic. Please obey all construction signs and be respectful to the construction workers as we work through the biggest town road project in its history.



Spring General Election - April 6, 2021

Town Chairman (Vote for 1) Town Supervisor (Vote for 2) Town Constable (Vote for 2)

Other positions being voted on include: State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a Green Bay Public School Board position and 5 Judges.

Please contact the Town Hall if you have not registered to vote – (920) 406-9380

Town residents vote at the Scott Town Hall: 2621 Jody Drive, New Franken, WI / 7 am-8pm.

SMU Utility Update

"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 – The SMU is asking people to refrain from dumping Fats, Oil, or Grease (FOG) down their drains; it clings to and severely clogs the sanitary sewer system. This in turn costs the utility time and money to clean and remove FOG from the sewer system.

Sump Pump connections: 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. Sewage lift stations provide a count of how many gallons are pumped daily. During wet rainy days increases this number dramatically, due largely to sump pumps being illegally connected to the sanitary system. This raises the rates for all users. Every residence and business can be inspected and fined if it is found to be pumping stormwater into the sewer system.

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 Wednesday April 7th through Sunday Nov 14th. Hrs: Wednesday 3:00 – 7:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday 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 pick-up for any of these items, we ask all residents to make their own provisions for properly disposing of their yard waste.

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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#### **Attention Dog Owners**

The Town has been receiving numerous complaints about dog owners not picking up after their pets. If you are a dog owner it is your responsibility to pick-up after them; whether on public or private land, parks, or town ditches. If enforcement becomes necessary, citations begin at \$187.

#### Trash & Recycling

~ Garbage and recycling carts should have at least 5 feet of separation between bins, allowing easier pick up of garbage carts.

~ Carts should be set out early the morning of the assigned pick up date.

~ Carts must be removed from the ROW within 24 hours of garbage or recycling pickup.

~ All garbage should be properly bagged.

~ Paper should be bundled or bagged before placing with rest of recycled materials in the bin.

When a holiday occurs, all curbside pickup is delayed one day. For the remainder of 2021 the garbage/recycling delay will occur after: Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving.

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

## Ditches, swales, and waterways

The most common stormwater management systems in the Town are grassy waterways, swales, and the ditches. This system convey water away from homes, roads, and fields, as well as allowing for natural infiltration.

Whether natural or man-made these grassy waterways are an important element in treating and conveying stormwater from melting snow and stormwater.



Roadside ditches and grassy swales may be located along a road, crossing under the road, they may be in recorded drainage easements or they may be along lot lines or run through back yards. All of these locations are important; to help dry out and preserve the roadways, to regulate stormwater runoff and they play in integral role in the regional drainage system.

#### **Benefits:**

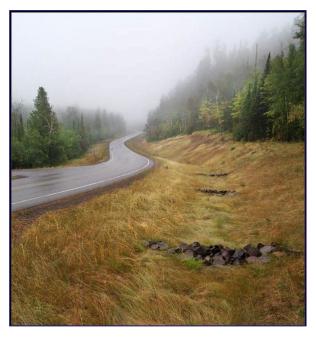
- *Traps sediment and other pollutants.*
- Slows rapid runoff and promotes water soaking into the ground.
- Dries out roads, making them last longer.
- Helps keep water away from homes.

#### Recommended Maintenance:

- *Keep swales and culvert inlets and outlets open by removing sediment, debris, and overgrown grass.*
- *Keep grass and weeds cut so they don't prohibit flow.*
- *Remove sediment to maintain flow.*

#### Do's and Don't's

Your Town welcomes your assistance in efforts to maintain all of these waterways.



- Do not dump grass or leaves or any other yard waste or other debris in the ditches.
- Do not plant bushes or trees in any ditch, or construct anything (such as raised garden beds, fences, or playsets), that could obstruct the natural stormwater flow.
- *Do not alter the depth, size, or shape of your ditch or swale. DO NOT fill in your roadside ditch.*
- Do, please, keep it mowed and maintained to allow it to do its job; handle stormwater.



## 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 P.O. Box 1861 Appleton, WI 54912 | 920.858.4246

RenewOurWaters.org



## **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.

| Address:                   | Zip:                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Dog's Name                 | Dog's Name                                                                                                                                                       |
| Neutered or Spayed: Yes/No | (Circle One) Male or Female                                                                                                                                      |
| Late Fee: Yes/No           | Neutered or Spayed: Yes/No<br>Late Fee: Yes/No                                                                                                                   |
| Total Fee:                 | Total Fee:                                                                                                                                                       |
| Color:                     | Color:                                                                                                                                                           |
| Breed:                     | Breed:                                                                                                                                                           |
| Vaccine Mfg:               | Vaccine Mfg:                                                                                                                                                     |
| Vaccine Serial:            | Vaccine Serial:                                                                                                                                                  |
| Rabies Expiration:         | Rabies Expiration:                                                                                                                                               |
|                            | Dog's Name<br>(Circle One) Male or Female<br>Neutered or Spayed: Yes/No<br>Late Fee: Yes/No<br>Total Fee:<br>Color:<br>Breed:<br>Vaccine Mfg:<br>Vaccine Serial: |



Town of Scott 2621 Jody Drive Wew Franken, WI 54229



## CAN THE "UNFLUSHABLES"!

People may be tempted to flush paper towels, facial tissue, or wipes: Please ONLY FLUSH THE 3Ps (Pee, Poo, and Toilet Paper) at this time, and always. Your home, and inhibit the sanitary sewer system in our community from working. Please do your part to avoid costly repairs, to protect public health, and our most valuable resource, water.



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