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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

December 19	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
January 26, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
February 23, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting

The Town Board meets regularly the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) at the Town Hall, located at 8800 County Road II, Fremont *** ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***

*****ATTENTION*****

Mr. Jeffrey Sanders of Omni Assoc will be at the December 3, 2008 (6:30 pm) Plan Commission meeting. The agenda will include Chapter 10; Future Land Use. Mr. Sanders will host a question and answer session. Please attend and get all of your questions answered.

RECYCLING

This past May, the Town of Wolf River held a Clean Sweep event, which was very well received. We collected 113 appliances, 9.6 tons of trash, nearly 100 fluorescent light bulbs, 5700 pounds of televisions, 5800 pounds of computer components, and an impressive 37.3 tons of tires! The event was held in conjunction with Winnebago County on a warm spring morning. We had a number of wonderful volunteers helping unload the trucks, trailers, and cars waiting patiently in line for their turn

OPEN BURNING: It is unlawful to burn solid waste or recyclables by either residents or businesses. Open burning is permitted of clean wood, yard waste, and non-treated paper only – this includes what is burned in the new outdoor heating furnaces as well.

TOWN OF WOLF RIVER WEBSITE!

The website is up and running. This is the place to view upcoming Agendas for the Board meetings, Minutes from previous meetings, Plan Commission activity and Zoning meeting information. There are links to other helpful websites. We are still working on adding a calendar of events, Town of Wolf River Ordinances, and a section for obtaining applications and permits. You can find us at:

Townofwolfriver.com

Check it out!

The Town Hall building is available to residents and property owners for showers, reunions, or social events. Please contact the Clerk at 446-3837 for an application and to reserve a date.

CENSUS

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census of the population and housing in the U.S. Census Data directly affects the distribution of more than \$200 billion in federal funds each year so it is important that accurate numbers are gathered. Preliminary work has begun on the 2010 Census. We will be reviewing and updated the Census Bureau's address list. You may be contacted to verify Census information currently on file.

2008 ROAD REPORT: A number of projects were done during the construction season. The following is a listing of completed road projects at a total cost of \$83,505. A number of other projects will be completed this fall.

- ◆ Willow Lane paving at \$17,632
- ◆ Traffic control and street sign replacement \$1,872
- ◆ Brushing Various Roads: \$1,933
- ◆ Sealcoat to Apache at \$19,654
- ◆ Sealcoat to Wolf River Road at \$22,660
- ◆ Crack sealing on various roads at \$2,610
- ◆ Wolf River and Apache Roads crack sealing and patch paving at \$13,642

2009 BUDGET: A Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors was held on Thursday, November 13. Twenty-one town members and the Board were here to discuss 2009 proposed budget. For a number of years, money left in the checking account was put toward the following year's budget, which meant less money needed to be collected on a yearly basis from the residents. Three years ago, \$80,000 was applied toward the budget, two years ago it was \$54,000, and last year it was about \$60,000. However, by doing this, we do not set aside any money for future capital expenditures; our 3 fire departments are looking at equipment/trucks that will need to be replace/updated, Fremont EMS will need to replace their backup ambulance, and the South Road bridge will eventually need to be replaced as well. After much discussion, a compromise was reached that will allow the town to set aside a limited amount of money and still put about \$35,000 towards 2009 budget. The mil rate for the 2008 tax role will be 2.17/\$1000 compared to about 1.99/\$1000 last year, resulting in an increase of \$18 /\$100,000 of valuation.

GARBAGE PICKUP

Garbage pickup is every Wednesday.

Recycling is the third Wednesday each month.

The Town of Wolf River Ordinance requires curbside placement of garbage no earlier than 4:00 p.m., preceding a regularly scheduled pick-up day or by part-time residents at the time they last depart their property. Containers must be retrieved from the curb within 12 hours of garbage pickup.

Please call Grachien at 982-4116 to arrange for pick up of large items. They will not pick them up unless you call first!!

● From your Code Enforcement Officer:
● When I receive a call about a stray dog or
● cat, I make every attempt to locate the
● owner, which includes placing a notice at
● the place of business nearest to where the
● dog or cat was found. The stray animal is
● kept at my premises for only a 7-day period
● at a cost of \$7 per day, which the owner is
● responsible for paying when picking up
● their animal. After 7 days, if the animal is
● not claimed, the animal is taken to the
● Waupaca County Humane Society where
● they are either put up for adoption or
● euthanized. Please make sure your animals
● are properly tagged. Thank you, Dan
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News for 2008:

Cut-Off channel dredging: The residents of Cut-Off Lane met and have agreed to cover the cost of dredging the Cut-Off channel. This dredging will cover approximately 2200 feet at a cost to the landowners abutting the channel of approximately \$125,000, which will be added to the landowners 2008 tax bill. The channel has silted in and boat traffic between the channel and Lake Poygan is impaired because of lack of channel depth. They plan on hydraulically dredging the channel beginning mid-May 2008. The dredging will take approximately 3 weeks. Permit applications have been filed with the DNR and are awaiting approval.

Lake Poygan Invasive Species project: This project began last summer through the efforts of the Lake Poygan Sportsmen’s Club in cooperation with the DNR and the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department. This project is a 3-year project and is targeted at killing invasive weed species in the 450 acres of Page’s Slough. A carp gate has been installed to help prevent these fish from spawning in the waters of Page’s Slough. Grant money from the State of Wisconsin covers half the cost of this project. The other half is covered by the Lake Poygan Sportsman’s Club. Thanks to the efforts of the Club, these waters will become more desirable as a nursery for game fish and its suitability as a fish and wildlife habitat will be enhanced.

Who represents us?

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New building/Zoning permits 2008

Dennis Potter	7712 Cut-Off Lane	New home	\$116,000.
Lyle Brown	7786 Bay Lane	Kitchen remodel	\$15,000.
David Solberg	7417 Richter Lane	Garage	\$15,000
Dan and Julie Braun	99695 Apache Ave	Addition	\$65,000
Dave Metzsig	8683 Metzsig Road	House and garage	\$450,000
Richard Mielke	9118 Marion Lane	Shed roof	\$48,000
James Wohlrabe	9469 Rosa Road	Zoning change	
Jerel Krenke	7609 Marsh Road	Zoning change	
Jerel Krenke	Marsh Road	New home/garage	\$85,000
Andy/Emily Huettl	9566 County Rd AH	New home/garage	\$158,000
Bill Boots	7760 Bay Lane	New Electrical Service	N/A
Robert Jankowski	Willow Lane	New home/garage	\$135,000
Greg Simon		Deck	
Randy O'Connor	8553 S Wolf River Road	Garage	\$15,000
Raymond Mudek	7806 Cut-Off Lane	Home w/garage	\$139,000
Doug Bera/Lyle Swinkles		Electrical service	\$500

TOWN OF WOLF RIVER PLAN COMMISSION

||| The Wisconsin Comprehensive Plan Law was enacted to ensure local municipalities will have a say in land uses after 2010. The comprehensive planning process will serve as a guide for the future land use and growth of the Town of Wolf River and will culminate in the adoption and implementation of a comprehensive land use plan. Significant citizen involvement and wise use of resources are needed for the benefit of current and future residents of the Town.

||| Omni Associates, the Town's planning consultant has a web site (www.omni) where you can view notices of upcoming meetings, and information from past meetings along with the results of exercises completed at these meetings. In addition, drafts of each chapter that will be in the plan are posted to the web site as they are developed. These drafts are under constant review and can be changed based on input from citizens until finally approved by the Town Board. Once in final draft form, there will be a public hearing to present and review the total plan. To view all of the material, go to the Omni web site, click on projects, active projects and scroll down to the Town of Wolf River. The Town of Wolf River also has its web site up and running (townofwolfriver.com) where meeting notices, agendas and minutes are posted.

||| *The Plan Commission would like to thank all who participated in the Community Land Use Survey that was sent out in January 2008. We had approximately a 33% return rate, which is very good for this type of survey. The collected data has been very helpful in the planning stages and most certainly will guide the direction in planning for the future of our Town. The survey results can be viewed on Omni's web site.*

||| The Town of Wolf River Mid-Course Mapping meeting was held on July 23, 2008 at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to provide residents, landowners, and stakeholders with the opportunity to express their ideas for future land usage. Postcards were sent to all property owners and 39 people attended the meeting. While we wish more would have attended, we thank all who participated in this very important exercise.

||| We are now in the process of developing the chapter in the plan and preparing the maps that will guide future land use in your Town. This task is very challenging and the maps and this chapter will have the most impact on how land will be used in the future. We request and welcome your input. So **please** take the opportunity to participate. We encourage you to look at the information on the web site and provide feedback to the Commission members. This can be done by telephone, email, letters, and the Plan Commission meetings are open to the public and we strongly encourage public participation. The more information that is communicated to the Plan Commission the better your ideas can be implemented into your plan.

||| If anyone wishes to receive notices of the scheduled meetings by email, contact me at knausja@yahoo.com.

Plan Commission Members

||| Dave Koepp 446-3844 - Chairman Cliff Bakkom 446-3524 Patty Sprenger 836-2908
 ||| Jim Freer 446-3146 - Vice Chairman Lee Robbert 836-3681 Dan Rieckmann 836-2934
 ||| Judy Knaus 446-3314 - Secretary

Presidential Election Results:

First, I would like to thank the dedicated staff for making this Election Day a very smooth-running operation. Total number of voters that day were 769, of which 115 were Absentee. The results are as follows:

<i>PRESIDENT</i>		<i>CONGRESS</i>		<i>ASSEMBLY</i>	
<i>Obama</i>	<i>325</i>	<i>Kittleson</i>	<i>242</i>	<i>Garcia</i>	<i>271</i>
<i>McCain</i>	<i>423</i>	<i>Petri</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>Roth</i>	<i>461</i>
<i>McKinney</i>	<i>3</i>				
<i>Barr</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>District Attorney</i>		<i>County Clerk</i>	
<i>Nader</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Gossett</i>	<i>576</i>	<i>Ertmer</i>	<i>580</i>
<i>Baldwin</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Write-in</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Write-in</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>		<i>Register of Deeds</i>		<i>NL School Referendum</i>	
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>587</i>	<i>Pagel</i>	<i>588</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Write-in</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Write-in</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>8</i>

Our next Election will be the Spring Election, which will be held on April 7, 2009. If a Primary needs to be held, it will be on February 17, 2009. All of the Town of Wolf River offices will be up for re-election, along a district commissioner for the North Lake Poygan Sanitary District and other County or State offices.

At the recent Special Meeting of the Town Electors held on November 13, 2008, the residents approved a one-time Special Charge to their 2009 tax bills of \$18 for the purchase and placement of emergency address signs. We are in the process of gathering addresses and other information to implement this program. If things go well, signage should begin in the late spring of 2009.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!