



TOWN OF LINN
WALWORTH COUNTY

The Town of Linn
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Zenda WI 53195

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LAKE PATH

While walking on the lake path please remember that you are being given the privilege of crossing through people's front yards. Bicycles and motorized vehicles are not allowed on the path and dogs must be on a leash. Please respect that you are on private property and stay on the path and off the private piers. Prepare to clean up after your dog and yourself and take your garbage and your dog's waste with you.

THANK YOU

A number of our residents have been picking up the litter left along the roadsides this winter. Thank you for helping to maintain the countryside and neighborhoods. While it's disappointing that some people throw their garbage out of their vehicles, it's heartening to know we have so many conscientious, considerate citizens. They are an example to all of us.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND PHONE NUMBERS

Town Chairman James Weiss (262) 215-0146
jweiss@townoflinn.com

Administrator/Treasurer Jim Hurley (262) 275-6300
jhurley@townoflinn.com

Clerk Rose Miller (262)275-6300 ext 10
FAX (262) 275-8261

Monday 8am - 6 pm
Tues, Wed, Fri 8 am - 4 pm
Thur 8 am - 11 am
clerk@townoflinn.com

Building Inspector Joe Messler (262) 275-6300 ext13
Tuesday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
or by appointment
(262) 215-3711 (mobile)
pbipermit@icloud.com

Highway Department Matt Wittum (262) 275-6300 ext 18
linnhighway@townoflinn.com

Fire & EMS Chief Jason Smith
Emergency Dial 911
Non-emergency: (262) 249 - 8808
firechief@townoflinn.com

Police Chief James Bushey
Emergency Dial 911
Non-emergency (262) 275-6300 ext 11

Municipal Court (262) 275-6300 ext. 12

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

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SPRING LEAF DROP- OFF

Drop-off is available near the Highway Shop in Zenda on or before June 8 . Grass, weeds, leaves and small sticks in CLEAR plastic bags and SMALL bundles of sticks will be accepted.

AUTUMN leaf pick up will be Saturday, November 16 for homes with Monday garbage pick-up. Drop-off in Zenda will be Saturday, December 7.

COMPUTER / ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Household electronics, including TV's and computer monitors, may be brought to the Town complex in Zenda, Saturday, June 8 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. John's Disposal will collect and recycle these items at no cost. You will be asked to give your name and Town of Linn address.

BULKY PICK-UP

Starting June 3 and through September 9, homes with Monday garbage collection will have weekly "bulky" pick up. Homes with Wednesday pick-up will have bulky collection the second collection of the month. All homes have weekly garbage and recycling pick up throughout the year.

SOUTH SHORE DRAINAGE PROJECT

In early May work will begin on Hillside Road north of S. Lakeshore Drive which will include erosion control, brush clearing and the installation of storm sewer pipes. The boat launch on Hillside Road may need to be closed for short periods of time as necessary. If this occurs, warning signs will be posted along with instructions to launch at Linn Road. Work will occur six days a week, weather permitting. The project should be completed by the end of September. The Town regrets this inconvenience during the summer months but this is a much needed project. Questions can be addressed to the Highway Superintendent.

DRIVEWAY CULVERTS

Please check the Town of Linn website for recent changes to driveway culvert requirements.

REVALUATION

For the 2019 tax assessment year, the Town of Linn will undergo a full revaluation of all taxable property under Wisconsin Statutes 70.05.

Municipal revaluations are periodically required by the State of Wisconsin and typically take place about once every five years. The Town's assessed values have been monitored annually by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and are no longer in compliance with state regulation standards. The statutory assessor for the Town of Linn is Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. The assessor will be completing the revaluation in the summer of 2019. The revaluation will establish

new assessed values in an equitable fashion for all properties in the Town at 100% of market value.

The revaluation will have no effect on the total dollar amount of taxes collected from property owners. However, the revaluation will re-distribute the tax burden in an equitable fashion according to the current market value of each property in the Town. The revaluation will also serve to update the Town's property records to accurately reflect current property characteristics.

To ensure that an accurate revaluation is performed, it will be necessary for the appraisal staff to conduct both an interior and exterior review of all homes and accessory buildings within the Town. A brief interior walk-through is necessary for consideration of the features, quality, and condition of a home or structure, all of which may affect the market value. Please note, the appraisers have no interest in your housekeeping or your personal belongings.

Each appraiser will carry a letter of identification from the Town Clerk, a Photo ID tag, and will be driving a red fleet vehicle clearly identified with the Associated Appraisal company logo. If no one is home when the appraiser visits your property, a door hanger will be left with instructions on how to arrange an appointment for an interior review.

When the property reviews are completed and new assessed values are determined, all property owners will receive a written notice of assessment change. You will then have an opportunity to discuss the assessed values with Associated Appraisal staff members at the Open Book session. After the Open Book session, the Board of Review will conduct hearings to evaluate evidence concerning any final challenges to the assessed values.

For revaluation questions, please call Associated Appraisal at 920-749-1995.

Thank you for your help in creating a successful 2019 Revaluation Program.

LAUNCH PASSES

Annual Boat Launch passes may be purchased at the Clerk's office. Proof of current boat registration is required. A daily or seasonal launch fee is required for all motorized and/or trailered watercraft at both Town boat launches - Hillside Road and Linn Road. Daily launch fees are paid at the time of launch at either location. A new category of fees has been created for non-motorized & trailered water craft - such as canoes, kayaks, and SUPs - using the launch ramp. Linn residents will be charged \$5 per launch; the fee for non-residents will be \$8 per launch. Launch fees are required of Linn residents and non-residents.

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STARRY STONEWORT

In August 2018, starry stonewort, a micro alga, was discovered in the Trinke Lagoon on the south shore of Geneva Lake. To date, this is the only location in which it has been spotted. Ted Peters, director of the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, has been aggressively pursuing treatment options. Due to the nature of the alga, starry stonewort cannot be completely eradicated with chemical treatments. Small plant parts are imbedded in the sediment and can reproduce making it very difficult to eliminate. Hydraulic dredging, dewatering, and removal and burial of affected soil is necessary. The cost of this as well as locating a contractor qualified to do this work has been difficult and will be very expensive. The GLEA has received two DNR grants for \$20,00 each, but this will only cover a small fraction of the estimated cost of \$200,000 or more. The health of the lake is vital to all the surrounding communities and the GLEA has set up a GoFundMe account to help raise the money to cover this. You can link to this account through the GLEA webpage at <https://www.genevalakemanagement.com/>.

STORM SIRENS

Storm warning sirens are located throughout the town and are tested the third Wednesday of the month at noon. The test will sound for about 3 minutes. In the event of severe weather, the siren will sound, signaling to take cover and tune to a local radio or television station for detailed information. The sirens are serviced yearly. If you do not hear a siren on a test day, please contact the Clerk's office.

DOG LICENSES

Full-time Town residents must license their dogs. The yearly fee is \$32 for a male or female dog or \$13 for a neutered male or spayed female dog. After March 31 a \$5 late fee will be added to each license. Licenses are available at the Clerk's office with proof of current rabies vaccination.

BEACH PASSES

Beach passes for the Village of Williams Bay beach are available at no charge to Town of Linn residents. To obtain a pass please bring proof of Linn residence, like a property tax bill in your name, to the Village of Williams Bay office at 250 Williams Street.

WATER SAFETY PATROL

For the past 99 years the Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol (watersafetypatrol.org) has served the boaters and swimmers of Geneva Lake. In addition to aiding stranded boaters it conducts classes in swimming, boating safety, and life guard training during the summer. Boating Safety registration begins May 1. Lifeguard training and swim lessons are held at different locations and times around the lake. In-person registration for swim lessons will be the week of June 17 at Aurora University George Williams College campus in Williams Bay. Call 262-245-6577 or check

their website under Classes & Training for times, fees, and requirements.

The Water Safety Patrol strives to assure everyone an enjoyable and safe time on the lake.

SAILING LESSONS

Sailing lessons for all levels, ages 4 through adult, are available through Geneva Lake Sailing School, www.glss.org, 262-275-8489. Contact them for class schedules and fees.

WATER TEST

Ted Peters of the Linn Sanitary District recommends testing your well water each year.

Water test kits are available at the Walworth County Public Health Department located at W4051 County Road NN, Elkhorn. Test kits may be picked up from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Four different contaminants can be tested. The test for bacteria is \$25, nitrate is \$25, lead is \$20 and arsenic is \$20. If you choose to test all four, the cost is \$80. Water samples must be returned within 30 hours and should be kept on ice. Test results for bacteria and nitrate take three days and lead and arsenic take ten days. Please contact Walworth County Public Health with questions at 262-741-3140.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

In late August, 2018, Matt Wittum was hired as Highway Superintendent. Matt has over fifteen years of experience in public works, and administration with the Village of Spring Grove, Illinois. Matt's passion is snow and ice control. He trains, presents, and writes on this subject. In 2016 he received the Professional Manager of the Year in Transportation award through the American Public Works Association. Matt, his wife, and their two sons, live in Genoa City.

TOWN CLERK

Sue Polyock, Town Clerk/Treasurer for the past 27 years, retired April 16. Sue is grateful to have served the residents and for the many kind words she received during that time. She looks forward to spending time with her grandchildren.

At the Spring Election Rose Miller was elected to the office of Clerk. Rose is a thirty year resident of the Town. She served as clerk for the Village of Hebron, Illinois for five years. She has three sons who attended Reek School and Big Foot High School and is grandmother to ten. She and her husband, Mike, enjoy classic cars and traveling. She is honored to serve the residents of the Town.

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NEW HOURS FOR CLERK'S OFFICE

Monday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

TOWN TREASURER / ADMINISTRATOR

Jim Hurley will begin as Administrator/Treasurer Monday, June 3. Most recently, Jim served as the budget coordinator for the community development department of the City of Evanston, Illinois. Jim has also served the communities of the City of Wheaton, Village of Oak Park and McHenry County, Illinois.

PRESCRIPTION AND OVER- THE COUNTER DRUG DISPOSAL

Outdated and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs and medications can be placed in the collection box for unwanted drugs in the foyer at the Town of Linn offices complex in Zenda.

PIG ROAST

It's not too early to put the date for the annual Fire/EMS pig roast on your calendar. The Pig Roast will be held at the Fire Department, N1457 Hillside Road on Sunday, August 11. Tickets will be available before the event from members of the Fire Department or at the Clerk's office.

VINTAGE CAR & TRACTOR SHOW & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Linn Presbyterian Church, W3335 Willow Road, adjacent to the Fire Department, will have its annual Ice Cream Social the same date as the Pig Roast. In celebration of the church's 175th Anniversary there will also be a Vintage Car and Tractor Show starting at 11:00 a.m. on the church grounds. On Sunday, September 15, the church will be welcoming six of its previous pastors. The original church building remains in Zenda and is featured on the Town's logo. Contact the church for details and other information. 262-248-1588 or www.linnchurch.org.

SHORT TERM RENTALS

Rental of homes for fewer than 30 days is regulated by Walworth County. Licenses from the state and county are required as well as a well water test and a current septic inspection. Subdivisions and homeowner associations may have further restrictions or prohibitions. Links to detailed information are on the Walworth County website under "County Postings" Walworth County Short Term Rentals.

HOUSEHOLD CLEAN SWEEP

Friday, October 4, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

at the City of Delavan Public Works Facilities,

490 Richmond Road (County roads M & P)

Delavan and Saturday, October 5, 8:00 am - noon

at the Walworth County Public Works Department

W4097 County Road NN (just west of Aurora Lakeland Hospital)

Elkhorn

Residents can bring most household products labeled "hazardous, caustic, acid, danger, flammable, warning or poison" for disposal. NO electronic items will be accepted. There is a link to Clean Sweep on the Walworth County website. (On the Town's website, under "outside links" is a link to Walworth County.) In mid-September local newspapers and the Town's website will have more complete information on what is accepted or the Solid Waste Division may be contacted at (262) 741-3114 Option 4 or email : walcosw@co.walworth.wi.us.

ELECTIONS

No elections are scheduled for the remainder of the year. In preparation for the 2020 elections, please note that voters are required to be registered in order to vote.

If you have never completed a Voter Registration form, or have moved, even within the Town, or your name has changed, you will need to register. Phone the Clerk's office (275-6300 ext 10) or check the myvote website (www.myvote.wi.gov) to check your registration status and see the requirements to register. Links to voter registration form EL-131 can be accessed through the Town of Linn website; see "Voter Information" in left hand column of home page. A copy of Proof of Residence is required if registering on line or by mail. Please refer to the instructions on what is acceptable as Proof of Residence. If your Wisconsin Driver License is current and valid and includes your correct address and name, it will satisfy the Proof of Residence requirement.

SUBDIVISION / ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Please mail, FAX, email, or call with the names and contact numbers of current board members of your subdivision or association to the Town Clerk so that we can update our records.

ADDRESS CHANGE ?

Please contact the Clerk's office if your mailing address has changed or will be changing.

MEETINGS

Town Board 2nd Monday 7:00 p.m.

Plan Commission 4th Monday 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at Linn Town Hall in Zenda. View agendas and minutes at www.townoflinn.com

FREE WOOD CHIPS

Wood chips can be picked up behind the Fire Station at N1457 Hillside Road.. They are located west of the buildings. Follow the drive on the right (north) of the main building.