

Village of North Freedom Information Sheet!

Quarter 4 2024 - Happy Fall!

BRUSH & YARD CLEANING

THERE WILL BE A FALL **GRASS, LEAVES, BRUSH & SHRUBS** PICKUP DONE BY THE VILLAGE STARTING ON **MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024 WITH THE FINAL PICK-UP DAY ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024.**

-PLEASE BAG ANY LEAVES AND GRASS
-NO TWIGS OR STICKS MAY BE MIXED IN WITH LEAVES OR GRASS

-PLEASE PILE PLANTS, SHRUBS, AND BRUSH BY THE CURB ALONG WITH THE BAGS OF LEAVES OR GRASS (PLEASE REMOVE SOIL FROM POTTED PLANTS BEFORE PLACING CURBSIDE)

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT NO GARBAGE IS MIXED IN WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE...OR IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP!

In observance of Thanksgiving, the Village Municipal Building/Offices will be closed on **Thursday, November 28, 2024 & Friday, November 29, 2024.**



In observance of Christmas, the Village Municipal Building/Offices will be closed on **Tuesday, December 24, 2024 & Wednesday, December 25, 2024.**



Holiday Garbage Pickups will be:

Thanksgiving: Saturday, November 30, 2024 *JUST Trash pick-up*

Christmas: Saturday, December 30, 2023 *JUST Trash pick-up*



On July 4, 2026, this beautiful nation we live in will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of

Independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain! It is also called the United States Semiquincentennial! How amazing and what a mouthful is that! **The Village of North Freedom Board is**

looking for interested persons that would serve on the Village Community Events committee and work with the Village departments to plan a Village event to celebrate such occasion.

If you are interested in serving on this committee or planning this event, or maybe even participating in the event as a vendor, reach out to the Village Office today!



Are you wanting Auto-Pay for your Village Utility Bill, no more writing of checks or remembering to pay, and paying late fees!? Contact the Village Office today about our NO FEE ACH program for paying your Utility Bill!

Do you also want your bill electronically delivered to you? The Municipal Utility offers e-bill delivery to a VALID email address! Contact the Village Office today to add your email to your customer profile and have your bills instantly delivered! No more waiting for the mail service!



Tax Collection Information

The Village of North Freedom Village Office (105 N Maple St, North Freedom, WI 53951) will be collecting tax payments during the normal posted Office Hours, however *mailed payments are appreciated* and can be sent to "Village of North Freedom – ATTN: Clerk/Treasurer – PO Box 300, North Freedom, WI 53951" – and you may also use our convenient drop box service located directly underneath the window with the Office Hours of the Village Clerk! We also have an online payment option!

Dog Licenses - **Send a separate check for dog licenses!**

Dogs 5 months of age or older need to be registered by **April 1** of each year. Information needed for dog tags: Dog Name, Color, Breed, Sex, Vaccine/Vaccine Manufacturer Serial #, Vet Proof of Rabies Vaccination, Date Given & Expiration Date. **Village residents are limited to only 2 dogs per household – Village Ordinance 12.08(13).**

Unneutered Male/Female: \$12.00

Neutered Male/Female: \$7.00

Duplicate License: \$6.00

Late Fee: \$10.00

Please send a self-addressed AND stamped envelope for tax receipts and dog tags!

Friendly Ordinance
Reminders

- **ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING BEGINS NOVEMBER 1** AND GOES UNTIL **APRIL 1** OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
- GRASS CLIPPINGS/BRUSH/LEAVES *ARE ONLY* COLLECTED BY THE VILLAGE DURING THE **2** ALLOTTED CLEAN UPS PER YEAR.
- **THERE IS NO DOWNTOWN (FROM THE 100 BLOCK OF E WALNUT TO 206 E WALNUT) PARKING FROM 2:00 A.M. TO 6:00 A.M.**
- NO GRASS CLIPPINGS MAY BE DEPOSITED (BLOWN) INTO ANY STREET, SIDEWALK, OR ALLEYWAY. THIS HELPS PREVENT STORMSEWER CLOGS AND THE POLLUTION OF GROUNDWATER.
- NOXIOUS WEEDS, INCLUDING VEGETATION, ALL WEEDS, GRASSES & PLANTS, MUST BE MAINTAINED AT 11 OR BELOW INCHES TO COMPLY WITH VILLAGE ORDINANCE 10.03(7).
- SNOW & ICE MUST BE REMOVED TO THE WHOLE WIDTH OF THE SIDEALK WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE CESSATION OF A SNOWSTORM – VILLAGE ORDINANCE 8.04.



North Freedom Fire Department Corner

The North Freedom Fire Department is recruiting for volunteers! Call (608) 522-4570 or email - nffd@tds.net - for more information! Give us a follow on Facebook – North Freedom, WI Fire Department!

Fire Prevention Week 2024 is 10/6/2024 – 10/12/2024! We are excited to share with the NF Elementary School some fire prevention activities on 10/7/2024. There will also be a fire department open house event but information will be forth coming so be on the lookout for more fire prevention activities, free ice cream, and truck rides!

The 13th Annual North Freedom Fire Department Gun Raffle is going on! Get your tickets today! 25 Winchester rifles will be raffled off! Drawing will take place on **Saturday, December 14, 2024** at **5:00 P.M.** in the Fire Station (103 N Maple St, North Freedom, WI). Free to attend. Additional on-site raffles will be available for more chances to win prizes and free food will be provided!



CLEAN-UP THE NORTH FREEDOM PARK!

Let's roll up our sleeves, grab some trash bags, and make our local park sparkle. Together, we can make a difference!

**10/12/2024
START 8:00 AM
UNTIL 12:00 PM**

END OF S LINN ST, NORTH FREEDOM, WI



FEEL FREE TO JOIN!

**RAIN DAY: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024



For Any Public Works Needs:
Please Contact
Director of
Public Works,
Brad Corrao, At
608-522-4522 –
Call or Text!
Email:
nffreedomdpw@gmail.com

Just a reminder of the Village Board meetings that are on the second Monday of every month in the Community Center (105 N Maple St, North Freedom, WI) at 7:00 PM. Come join us! Stay informed!



North Freedom Public Library Corner

Monday thru Thursday 1 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Friday and Saturday 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Website: northfreedomlibrary.com | Facebook: North Freedom Library



Thank you so much for your support with Book Sale! We appreciate your support and donations! Keep us in mind when you are going through books you no longer read and any media (Movies, CDs, etc.) you no longer use!

With the Holidays coming up, give the gift that keeps on giving! Kwik Trip Gas gift cards that help your local Library earn commission on! Here in the Library, we have \$50.00 & \$100.00 Kwik Trip Gas gift cards available for purchase. Grocery gift cards are available upon request. If you have any other questions, please give us a call!



The Village Office will be closed the following times/dates due to scheduled leave.

- Wednesday, October 23, 2024 – Closed from **8:00 AM to approximately 12:00 PM**
- Friday, November 1, 2024 – Closed **all day**

Village Office Normal Operating Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Phone – Call or Text!: 608-522-4550

Fax: 608-522-4574

Email: clerk_treasurer@vonf.wi.gov

Website: <https://vonf.wi.gov>

Your Local Officials

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Notice

NEVER FLUSH THESE ITEMS DOWN THE TOILET

- Baby Wipes/Personal Hygiene Wipes - even if they are labeled as "flushable"
- Cleaning Wipes - even if they are labeled as "flushable"
- Facial Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Diapers
- Cigarette Butts
- Dental Floss
- Dyer Sheets
- Toilet Bowl Scrubbing Pads
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Fats, Oils, Greases - especially those from the kitchen
- Food Scraps
- Cotton Swabs
- Cat Litter



Check us out on Facebook for all local & business-related news & updates!
Village of North Freedom



Check for Fire Danger Before Burning!

Check for the daily burning restrictions by either

- Calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily
- Going online to <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/BurnRestrictions>

Sauk County is in a forest fire protection area and a burning permit is required from January 1 through May 31. However, permits are NOT required when the ground is COMPLETELY snow-covered or when a campfire is used for warming or cooking purposes.

Friends and neighbors,

First a brief update on your Village of North Freedom Board. Two resignations caused the appointment of two new Board Members. Al Doering resigned due to retirement and Nick Kingsbury resigned due to personal reasons. We thank you, Al and Nick, for your service and wish Al a very happy retirement! Replacing them are Dan Anstett and Carissa Zweck. With their appointments, the Village Board is in good hands.

Secondly, do you use the village parks? Help us improve it. Many fresh ideas have been brought forward regarding the parks. The Village is applying for a grant to implement the larger, more costly projects, but there are many smaller projects which can be done without hiring outside help or adding them to the DPW's already busy schedule. A village-wide park clean-up day is scheduled for Oct. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon, with a rain date of Oct. 19. With your volunteer help, together we can get some of those small projects done without the use of tax funds. We ask each of you to consider helping. Whether you can spend an hour or all four hours, your help will be appreciated. See more details elsewhere in this newsletter. Come ready to work!

Also, I have been asked by several folks about restoring Freedom Days. For those not familiar with this popular celebration, let me briefly say Freedom Days were a great deal of fun. The celebration can be anything desired if it addresses both adults and children alike. Past Freedom Days have featured carnival rides, a parade, live music, games and more, whatever the North Freedom community wishes. It can be those things mentioned with the addition of more such as a flea market, car show, a run/walk, fireworks, food stands... the list goes on.

In the year 2026 is the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. A large celebration is being planned. It has been suggested that a smaller celebration take place in 2025. The planning stages for both events are underway. The Board is asking residents to step up to help plan and stage these events. A planning meeting is in the works for mid-November to kick off the project. Think about what you would like these celebrations to be and bring those ideas to that meeting. Individuals, businesses, civic groups, church groups, are all welcome to participate. These events will only happen if enough people get involved.

Lastly, VOTE in November. It's your right. It's your privilege. Don't waste it.

Mike Carignan, Interim Village of North Freedom President

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Dear Resident:

On Friday, September 27, 2024, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin approved the North Freedom Municipal Water Utility’s request for a “Simplified Rate Increase”. This increase was 4.1%. This is your notification of the new rates that will be effective January 1, 2025.

<i>METER FEE</i>	Previous	<u>*NEW*</u>
5/8- & 3/4-inch meters	\$9.82	<u>\$10.22</u>
1 – inch meter	\$11.98	<u>\$12.47</u>
1 ½ - inch meter	\$19.15	<u>\$19.94</u>
2 – inch meter	\$28.74	<u>\$29.92</u>

<i>VOLUME CHARGES</i>	Previous	<u>*NEW*</u>
First 6,667 gallons used each month	\$6.44 per 1,000 gallons	<u>\$6.70 per 1,000 gallons</u>
Next 26,666 gallons used each month	\$6.17 per 1,000 gallons	<u>\$6.42 per 1,000 gallons</u>
Over 33,333 gallons used each month	\$5.86 per 1,000 gallons	<u>\$6.10 per 1,000 gallons</u>

On Monday, September 9, 2024, the Village of North Freedom Board approved the North Freedom Sewer Utility’s request for a 5% rate increase for Sewer services. This is your notification of what the new rates that will be effective January 1, 2025.

<i>METER FEE</i>	Previous	<u>*NEW*</u>
5/8- & 3/4-inch meters	\$23.15	<u>\$24.31</u>
1 – inch meter	\$23.15	<u>\$24.31</u>
1 ½ - inch meter	\$23.15	<u>\$24.31</u>
2 – inch meter	\$23.15	<u>\$24.31</u>

<i>VOLUME CHARGES</i>	Previous	<u>*NEW*</u>
All gallons used	\$6.37 per 1,000 gallons	<u>\$6.69 per 1,000 gallons</u>

Please note: Refuse & Recycling rates will also be increased to \$15.92/month from the current \$15.45/month effective January 1, 2025. This is following the Village’s current contract with Lenorud Services, Inc.

If you have any questions, please contact the Village Office!