

THE WEST BEND TOWN IMAGE

Lake Country Sanctuary

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Calendar of Events

- ♦ Little Cedar Lake PRD - Normally the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ Town Board Meetings - 2nd Wednesday of Every Month at 7:30 p.m.
- ♦ Big Cedar Lake PRD - 2nd Thursday of Every Month April through October & Every Other Month November through March at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanitary District Building
- ♦ Silver Lake Sanitary District - 3rd Monday of Every Month at 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ Silver Lake PRD - 3rd Tuesday of Every Month 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ Plan Commission Meeting - 4th Thursday of Every Month at 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ Spring Election For Town Officials - Tuesday, April 1, 2003
- ♦ Town of West Bend Annual Meeting - 2nd Tuesday in April

BOUNDARY AGREEMENT

The years of 1999, 2000 and 2001 were very busy with the Town of West Bend Boundary Committee diligently working with the City of West Bend representatives and legal counsel to put together a document that would be history in the making for the Town of West Bend. After surveys, informational meetings and the mandatory Public Hearing the two municipalities were ready to work out the final terms to a land use and boundary plan that was compatible to the interests of both. Large concessions were made by both municipalities to achieve passage of the agreement which is intended for logical growth and prevent "urban sprawl" as is evident in the city of Waukesha. This provided a clear path as to where the city will grow in the next 20 years.

In October of 2001 the City Council passed their resolution to approve the Boundary Agreement and on October 10, 2001 the Town Board approved Resolution #2001-10 that approved the agree-

ment and submittal of the Boundary Agreement to the State Department of Administration. Attorney Stan Riffle, the town's legal counsel for the Boundary Agreement submitted the "Agreement" to the state on 11-7-2001. On May 23, 2002 the State approved the Cooperative Boundary Agreement between the City of West Bend and the Town of West Bend. On June 12, 2002 the Town passed an Ordinance to implement the Agreement with regards to the Boundary changes.

The Town would like to thank the five members of the Boundary Committee, Dr. Paul Rice, Dennis Block, Geoff Maclay, John Dedrick and Mary Smith for their time and commitment to the finalizing of this agreement. The Town also wants to thank Attorney Stan Riffle for all of his work and guidance involved with this undertaking.

This was only the 10th Boundary Agreement approved by the state to date.

MILL RATES & TAXES

An annual event for all municipalities is to forward tax (bills) statements to property owners. Along with this annual event there are telephone calls to the Town concerning tax statements.

The Town of West Bend Treasurer is responsible for collection of taxes. There are many taxing entities in our Town. School Districts, Inland Lakes Districts, Sanitary Districts, Technical School Districts, as well as County, State and Town Taxes are included in your Total tax bill.

The Treasurer after collecting funds is required to transmit funds to the various entities within a specific time period.

The following Figures detail funds that are

submitted to the entities based on per one thousand dollars. Note the Town tax is \$1.31 per thousand. These are figures from the 2001 levy. 2002 levy will be set at the budget hearing in November of 2002.

State	\$2.21
Washington County	\$4.60
Slinger School District	\$10.99
West Bend School District	\$8.34
Moraine Park Technical School	\$1.74
West Bend (Town)	\$1.31

Example: If you live in the Town of West Bend, you live in the Slinger School District and you are not in a Lake District your mill rate (per thousand of your assessed evaluation) would be \$15.90. \$1.31 of that figure is actually Town taxes.

LATEST TOWN STATISTICS

(ALWAYS A ONE YEAR DELAY)

The Demographic Services Center's preliminary estimate of the January 1, 2001 population for the Town of West Bend in Washington County is 4,808. This represents a change of -26 persons (0.537 percent) since the 2000 Census.

Wisconsin's total population is estimated at 5,400,004, which is a change of 36,329 persons, and 0.678 percent.

The chart is a summary of the data that was used in estimating the population of the Town.

Approximately 3,653 of the estimated population for the Town of West Bend are of voting age. This approximation is an estimate, which helps the municipal-

	2000 <u>Census Count</u>	2001 <u>Preliminary Estimate</u>
<u>2000 U.S. Census Count</u>		
January 1, Estimate	4,834	4,808
Motor vehicles registered	3,230	3,536
Percent of vehicles in State	0.075	0.080
Income tax filers	2,841	2,697
Percent of filers in State	0.085	0.081
Filers plus dependents	3,877	3,752
Percent of filers plus dependents	0.082	0.079
Income tax returns	1,903	1,781
Percent of income tax returns in State	0.081	0.076
Institutional Population	367	288

ity comply with Wisconsin Statute 5.66, which requires Municipal Clerks to approximate the number of electors prior to elections. The voting age population

was calculated by applying the census proportion of persons over 18 to the preliminary January 1 estimate.

TOWN ROADS

Town Ordinance requires driveway access and culvert permits. Vision clearance and drainage are the main reason for this requirement.

Town roads extend beyond the asphalt (blacktop) and include Road Right of Way (ROW). In the past, concrete driveways extended beyond road right of way to the asphalt. Winter freeze may elevate concrete dissimilar to asphalt causing a snow plow to hit this concrete causing damage to the plow blade or hydraulic components. This has happened in the past, not only causing damage but also placing a snowplow out of service.

The Town sometime ago enacted an Ordinance requiring only asphalt be placed on road right of way.

UPDATES & IMPROVEMENTS

In 2001, the Town Hall had a new rubberized overlay on the roof installed. The roof was the original from the date of building the Town Hall. Numerous leaks were starting to appear.

In the summer of 2002, the Town Hall will be getting new windows installed. The present windows are the originals also. After trying to get a price to get all the windows professionally cleaned, the Town was informed that no one would touch the windows as they were in such bad shape that they would probably fall apart if cleaned. With the installation of new energy efficient windows the cost of heating and cooling the building should decrease.

TOWN INHERITS CEMETERY

Wisconsin Statute (law) requires a municipality to take control of a cemetery if abandoned or not maintained for a period of five years.

It came to the Town's attention that Union Cemetery, referred to as Rusco or Rusco School Cemetery had been abandoned and not maintained for many years.

This one-acre site has approximately 30 graves and is located behind the residence (the old schoolhouse) on the Southwest corner of CTH NN and CTH P.

This last summer (2001) Town employees cleared brush and removed second growth trees. Tombstones were not to be disturbed but left where they had fallen. One headstone still standing is inscribed: Sarah, Wife of Reuben Rusco, Feb.9, 1854.

TOWN OF WEST BEND CEMETERIES

HELLER FAMILY (Private) BURIAL SITE, Boettcher Drive, Section 31. **IMPORTANT**.... This burial site is located on PRIVATE land. Ask for permission. This burial site is abandoned. Above ground burials have been moved to another site.

NEIMEIER (Private) BURIAL SITE, West of Silver Lake, Section 27. **IMPORTANT**...This burial site is located

on PRIVATE land. Ask for permission. A single burial site that is maintained in fair condition.

RUSCO or RUSCO SCHOOL CEMETERY, Hwys NN and P, section 35. This cemetery is correctly known as UNION CEMETERY.

SAINT PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CEMETERY, German Village

Road, Section 29.

UNION CEMETERY, Highways NN and P, Section 35. This cemetery is commonly referred to as Rusco or Rusco School Cemetery.

WASHINGTON COUNTY MEMORIAL PARK, 18th Avenue and Paradise Drive, Section 22

RECYCLING LETTER WRITTEN BY SUPERVISOR DR. PAUL RICE

I feel strongly that we all should support our recycling program in the Town of West Bend. Waste Management has advertised using our Town Hall sign in order to appear to be the approved recycling agent for our community. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

A recent Milwaukee news expose' showed that one cannot be sure that the recyclables sent with other waste items with Waste Management are even recycled. Their method of having the pick up person sort the items is inefficient and costly. The Town of West Bend recycling program is almost self sufficient and you can be assured that your efforts in rinsing plastic and glass containers will result in a cleaner

environment for our grandchildren. Our recyclables are processed on site, so that those who acquire these items get high quality materials that are immediately usable.

1 plastic becomes fibers for carpets and jackets, # 2 becomes decking and fencing, and the newspapers are treated to become insulation. The cans, bottles, cardboard and aluminum become containers again. The private recyclers do not even deal with old batteries and steel and aluminum waste like old gutters etc. but our program does.

The grant from the State for our recycling program is in jeopardy because so many

of our residents do not use our facility. If our program is abandoned none of us will have any choice but to use the services of Waste Management or other similar private companies. I believe that this will encourage them to raise prices and then we will have no voice at all in the destiny of the recyclables. Our grant is based on usage, so please consider bringing your recyclables to the Town Hall Recycling Building on Wednesdays from 3-7 P.M. or Saturdays from 7:00 A.M. to Noon. And best of all for you and your neighbors, it's free! "See you there".

Paul R. Rice
Supervisor for the Town of West Bend

A BIT OF HISTORY

In 1893, Nic Gonring moved the original Gonring homestead across the frozen waters of Big Cedar Lake to Gonring Drive on the west shore of Big Cedar Lake. He then opened his business as a boarding house, saloon and ice cream parlor. Nic ran this prosperous business successfully until 1915, when he turned it over to his son, Jac.

Jac made many new additions in 1920. A

brand new, spacious hotel and larger dance hall were built. The new dance hall attracted many of the popular big band stars. People traveled by horse-and-buggy to enjoy this new vacationland.

In 1936, the salon was converted from half ice cream parlor, half tavern to a more modern look. In 1946, a porch was added overlooking the lake.

After World War II, the hotel business became slow and the hotel was torn down. Gonrings then operated the tavern (which then had slot machines) and the dance hall until 1963. Several years ago, the buildings were razed. A parking facility was constructed to accommodate vehicles and boat trailers using the public access to Big Cedar Lake. Retention ponds were also constructed to control run off to the lake.

BRUSH REMINDER

The Town of West Bend does not chip brush roadside. All brush and yard waste should be taken to the Leaf and Yard Waste facility on Sleeping Dragon Road. The site is open every Saturday in May,

October and November and the first and third Saturday in the months of June, July, August and September. The hours at the drop off site are 8:00 A.M. to noon. Please do not bring any building materi-

als to be disposed of, as you will be asked to take them back. This is a recycling area. Lumber is not recyclable.

TOWN HALL COMMUNITY CENTER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT & RECYCLING CENTER

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PHONE NUMBERS

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Recycling & Public Works Dept.:
(262) 338-1795

OFFICE HOURS

Clerk - Dewayne Grauden

Wed 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thurs & Fri 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sat 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Town/Zoning Secretary -

Mary Smith

Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Fri 9:00a.m - Noon

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*Please Note: Town Hall is closed on
holidays.*

