

# THE WEST BEND TOWN IMAGE

## Lake Country Sanctuary

The Official Newsletter Of The Town Of West Bend - *Your Home Town*

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### Calendar of Events

- ♦ Little Cedar Lake PRD - To be decided at meetings. Look under agendas on the web.
- ♦ Town Board Meetings - Second Wednesday of Every Month
- ♦ Big Cedar Lake PRD - Second Thursday of Every Month April through October & Every Other Month November through March
- ♦ Silver Lake Sanitary District - Third Monday of Every Month
- ♦ Silver Lake PRD - Third Tuesday of Every Month
- ♦ Plan Commission Meeting - Fourth Thursday of Every Month
- ♦ Spring Election For Town Officials - Tuesday, April 3, 2001
- ♦ Town of West Bend Annual Meeting - Second Tuesday in April

## MORE ABOUT TOWNS

A town, like a city or village, is a local general purpose unit of government. "A town is a body corporate and politic, with those powers granted by law." Sec. 60.01(1). A town may sue and be sued, acquire and dispose of real and personal property for public uses, and enter into contracts necessary for the exercise of its powers. Sec. 60.01(2). A town has only those powers that are conferred by statute or may be necessarily implied from the statute. Towns, unlike cities and villages, do not have constitutional home rule powers. Town officers have only those

powers conferred upon them by statute.

A town is sometimes referred to as a quasi-municipal corporation, to distinguish it from a city or village. In a similar fashion, a town, even though it is a "body corporate and politic," is sometimes referred to as "unincorporated" to distinguish it from the "incorporated" local general purpose units of government – cities and villages. Another term, which may cause some confusion, is "township". The township in Wisconsin  
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## TYPE OF VOTING MACHINE USED BY TOWN OF WEST BEND

The Town of West Bend changed from punch card ballots to optical scanning for ballots with the AccuVote Mark Sense Voting system on September 13, 1994 for the Primary Election. This machine is programmed for each specific election with a memory card. Upon completion of filling in your ballot with a black marker type pen (filling in the circle next to the name of candidate) you then deposit it into the machine that automatically counts this ballot. If you have made an error as to fill-

ing in the ballot correctly, the machine will kick it back out. Example: In the fall Primary you could not cross over. If you did the machine would not accept the ballot. If you have a "spoiled ballot" you may ask the poll worker for another ballot. The poll workers are not only there to hand out ballots, they will instruct you as to how to fill the ballot out. Anyone experiencing problems with procedure should definitely ask for help.

# BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Snow season has arrived and a little early this year. Despite maintenance work that is done on the trucks during the off season to prepare them for the snow season, the snowplow trucks (especially the older one) have a tendency to break down, naturally during the time they are being used and needed. These wonderful orange trucks don't just go up and down the roads and clear the roads, they cause numerous headaches for the full time employees in the Department of Public Works. The Town of West Bend does not employ

mechanics to specifically work on vehicles when broken down as some other municipalities and the County do. John Smith and Bill Roggenbach do the majority of repair work on these vehicles, most of which needs to be done immediately so the trucks can be back on the roads.

During a recent snow the 1987 truck blew a hydraulic line, which entails the entire hydraulic system for the truck. The Town Chairman went into the shop to find John and Bill in their coveralls, under the

snow and oil covered truck, faces dirty, clothes completely covered in oil, working fast and furiously to get this truck back on the road. When a truck goes down it takes at least one driver off the road if not two. There was no request to get someone into repair this vehicle even when the Town Chairman asked if they wanted to call someone. The Department of Public Works does not get the credit due it at times. The men work hard on many items that are not visible to the public.

## POLL WORKERS PRAISED FOR EFFICIENT PROCESS OF ELECTORS AT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2000 ELECTION.

Pearl Mueller, Deputy Clerk for Elections, and the poll workers received many compliments on how well voting proceeded. Electors waited and completed voting, for

the most part, within five to ten minutes. It was reported some towns had a waiting time of one hour or more.

### Statistics from Election Day

2791 Town Electors voted November 7, 2000.

322 Town Electors voted by Absentee Ballot.

126 Town electors registered before the day of the election.

464 Town Electors registered the day of election.

96.24% of Registered Town Electors voted on November 7, 2000

## RECYCLING HOURS FOR THE TOWN OF WEST BEND RECYCLING CENTER

The Town of West Bend Recycling Center is open on Wednesdays from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and Saturdays from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. sharp. **The attendants will be closing the doors at noon on Saturdays.** If you have arrived after noon on Saturdays or after 7:00 P.M. on Wednesdays you will have to return on the next day available for recycling. Your cooperation in abiding by these times is appreciated. Most towns are open only one day a week. The Town of West Bend has tried to accommodate its residents with an extra day

# DEWAYNE GRAUDEN, TOWN CLERK



After the resignation of Russell W. Becker due to a lengthy illness, the Town Board of the Town of West Bend appointed Dewayne Grauden as the new clerk to fill

out the unexpired term of Mr. Becker. Mr. Grauden has been a resident of the Town of West Bend for thirty seven years.

As a veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Grauden's military career ended with his retirement from the United States Air Force Reserve 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing in Milwaukee after twenty five years of service.

Mr. Grauden's work history has been fairly universal ranging from

working for the United States Food and Drug Administration to a one man consulting laboratory (Orthmann Labs) to the wood and paper industry as a chemist, lumberjack and gandy dancer and worked with two local enterprises including being co-manager of Little Switzerland for ten years and working as a clerk, crew leader and enumerator for the U.S. Census Bureau in this area.

## TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE ON TOWN WEB SITE

The Town of West Bend Zoning Ordinances, consisting of 132 pages, are now on the Town Web Site. Detailed are provisions for land use, permits, site restrictions, set backs, Conditional Uses, construction, additions, signs, site erosion control and Appeals. The Town Web Site Address is: [www.town.west-bend.wi.us](http://www.town.west-bend.wi.us)

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consolidation, annexation, detachment and negotiated boundary adjustments.

Wisconsin has 1,265 towns (including the entire county of Menominee, which is also designated as a town).

## BILL ROGGENBACH

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



Bill Roggenbach was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated from Custer High School in 1970. Bill moved to West Bend ten years ago. He drove over the road for 21 years before coming to work for the Town of West Bend. Bill is married to Diana and has four children.

## MORE ABOUT TOWNS

is a geographic unit, referred to as a survey or government township, which dates back to the survey of the state under the provisions of the Northwest Ordinance. A township is not a governmental subdivision and thus has no powers or duties. Even though this term of-

ten appears, even on state forms, the correct term for the local general purpose governmental subdivision is "town".

Chapter 66 provides methods for border and organizational changes through procedures such as con-

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**• Town Directory for 2001-2002 will be mailed in the Spring**

# TOWN HALL COMMUNITY CENTER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT & RECYCLING CENTER

## ADDRESS

6355 County Trunk Z  
West Bend, WI 53095-9201

**Web:** [www.town.west-bend.wi.us](http://www.town.west-bend.wi.us)

**E-Mail:** [townhall@town.west-bend.wi.us](mailto:townhall@town.west-bend.wi.us)

## PHONE NUMBERS

Town Office: (262) 338-3417

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

## OFFICE HOURS

**Clerk - Dewayne Grauden**

Wed 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sat 9:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m.

**Town/Zoning Secretary -**

**Mary Smith**

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

Fri 9:00a.m-12:00p.m.

## CHAIRMAN

**Robert Seebach - (262) 644-5019**

## SUPERVISORS

**Paul Rice - (262) 338-8826**

**Joe Spaeth - (262) 338-1245**

## CLERK

**Dewayne Grauden - (262) 644-8361**

## TREASURER

**Bill Voss - (262) 644-0044**

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

**Gordon Hoffman - (262) 677-2270**

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

**Frank Mayer - (262) 692-9280**

## TOWN/ZONING

### SECRETARY

**Mary Smith - (262) 338-3417**

## TOWN ASSESSOR

**Michael Grota - (262) 253-1142**

## PUBLIC WORKS

**John Smith - (262) 338-1795**

## POLICE CHIEF

**Robert Schulteis - (262) 629-5750**

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

