



Town of Oregon

NEWSLETTER

Town Hall/Clerk's Office – 1138 Union Rd; Hours Mon – Thurs 8 – 4; 835-3200
TORC (Town of Oregon Recycling Center) –
1067 Storytown Rd; Hours Sat 7:30 – 4:30 (Wed 2 – 6 ONLY May to Oct 1)

Spring 2008

TOWN OF OREGON OFFICIALS

Chairperson Darryl Weber
Supervisors Wayne Ace
Phil Van Kampen
Pen Beasley
Chris Johnson
Clerk Denise Arnold
Deputy Clerk Jennifer Hanson
Treasurer Rhonda LaFlash
Assessor Andrew Blomstrom
Constable Gary Wackett
Joint Municipal Judge. Beth Cox
Road Patrolmen. Ron Outhouse
Harlan Heller
Snow Removal Romaine Ace
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TORC Attendants Ralph Maher
Ken West
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Fire & EMS Sam Stuessy
Rep to Oregon
Fire & EMS Phil Van Kampen
Building Inspector. Brian Burkeland
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Janine Jensen
Robert Johnson
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Cable Committee Chuck Forster, Chr.
Charles Stearns
Pen Beasley
Thomas
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Andy Blomstrom

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THE TOWN OF OREGON IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES.

Transmission Lines and Substation.

There are three different electrical projects affecting the Town of Oregon. The first is a rezone request submitted by Alliant Energy in October 2007 to install a substation near the intersection of County Highway D and Fish Hatchery Road. On March 4, 2008, the Town Board voted 3-2 approving the rezone request. Alliant Energy is now waiting approval from the Dane County Board of Supervisors. The second is a request submitted by ATC to install 69kV transmission lines along Fish Hatchery Road and connecting to the proposed substation. The Town does not have jurisdiction over the placement of the 69kV transmission lines and ATC submitted the request for *informational purposes only*. The third is the larger 345kV project. The Town Board continues to oppose the placement of the 345kV power line anywhere within the Town of Oregon. The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 01-2008 at the March 2008 meeting that recommends the new 345kV power line be placed on the Northern Route and opposes any placement of the power line on the Southern Route and along State Hwy 14.

Department of Revenue (DOR) Error.

In 2006 the Wisconsin Department of Revenue overstated the Town of Oregon's equalized value by \$47,000,000. MATC, Dane County, Oregon School District and Belleville School District's levy amounts are allocated to the various municipalities based upon the equalized value. Since the Town of Oregon's equalized value was overstated, Town residents picked up a larger share of tax levies in 2006. The DOR corrected their 2006 error in 2007 by lowering the equalized value. The equalized value will return to the correct amount in 2008.

Town of Oregon Comprehensive Land Use Plan

The State of Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning Law, also known as Smart Growth, requires every municipality to complete a comprehensive use plan by 2010 to continue to regulate land use within the municipality. The Town of Oregon Comprehensive Land Use Plan was completed in 2007 and submitted to Dane County. The Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 to discuss the Town of Oregon Comprehensive Land Use Plan. If passed, the Plan will go to the Dane County Board of Supervisors. Once approved, the Town of Oregon Comprehensive Plan will become part of the Dane County Comprehensive Plan. CD copies of the plan are available at the Town Hall.

2008 ELECTIONS...

OFFICIAL BALLOT
 FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE & REFERENDUM
 APRIL 1, 2008

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY 2 ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

To vote for the candidate of your choice, complete the arrow to the RIGHT of the candidate's name. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, write the person's name on the line provided and complete the arrow .

To vote on a question, complete the arrow to the RIGHT of "YES" if in favor of the question or complete the arrow to the RIGHT of "NO" if opposed to the question.

JUDICIAL	SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT Vote for 1 MIKE GABLEMAN LOUIS BUTLER Write-in	OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Area IV Vote for 1 RICK ANDERSEN Write-in
COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE-District 4 Vote for 1 BURNEATTA L. BRIDGE Write-in	STATE REFERENDUM QUESTION 1: "Partial veto. Shall section 10(1)(c) of article V of the constitution be amended to prohibit the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto authority, from creating a new sentence by combining parts of two or more sentences of the enrolled bill?" YES NO
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE Branch 1 Vote for 1 JOHN W. MARKSON Write-in	
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE Branch 7 Vote for 1 WILLIAM E. HANRAHAN Write-in	
COUNTY COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 31 Vote for 1 GERALD JENSEN Write-in	
MUNICIPAL TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR Vote for not more than 2 ROBERT F. KUJAWA CARLENE BECHEN PHIL VAN KAMPEN RICK ANDERSEN Write-in Write-in	SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELLEVILLE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Vote for not more than 2 JAMES E. FAHEY PAM SCOTT Write-in Write-in
SCHOOL DISTRICT OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Area II Vote for 1 COURTNEY ODORICO Write-in	
OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Area III Vote for 1 DOUG KORNETZKE Write-in	

OFFICIAL BALLOT
 for
NON-PARTISAN OFFICE & REFERENDUM
 APRIL 1, 2008
 for

 Ballot issued by

 (Initials of Inspectors)

 Absent Elector's Ballot
 issued by

 (Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk)

Certification of Elector Assistance
 I certify that this ballot was marked by me for
 an elector who is authorized under the law
 to have assistance, upon request, and as
 directed by the elector.

 (Signature of assisting individual)

Polling Location: 1138 Union Road
 Poll Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

2008 Election Dates:

Spring Election – Tuesday, April 1, 2008
 Partisan Primary – Tuesday, September 16, 2008
 Presidential Election – Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Anyone unable to vote on Election Day can submit a written request for an absentee ballot be mailed to them or can vote at the Town Hall. Requests for an absentee ballot to be mailed must be received by Thursday, March 27. Absentee ballots are now available for voting at the Town Hall. Forms to request absentee ballot are available from the Clerk's office or at the Wisconsin State Elections Board website, <http://elections.state.wi.us>, Form EB-121.

CANDIDATES

ROBERT KUJAWA

Name: Robert Kujawa (pronounced key-ah-va, Polish in origin)

Age: 37

Marital Status: Jennifer, wife

Children: two dogs

Occupation: Commercial real estate broker

How long have you resided in the Town of Oregon? 3 years

Why does the position of Town Board Supervisor interest you?

I have a willingness to serve and make the decisions necessary to preserve the Town's rural character. My work experience as a real estate agent and former retail store owner give me unique insight into many issues facing the Town including property rights, legal items, and employment.

Is there anything you would like to change in the Town of Oregon?

The budget is the most important item for the Town each year, and I will work to keep the tax rate affordable for its property owners. I would also like to pursue cost savings by working with other municipalities to share services or equipment when possible. We must also work to protect the property remaining in the Town, and assert our rights to exist and be recognized as a town.

Do you have any prior Municipal experience?

While living in Oshkosh, I was appointed to city committees by three different mayors, and was eventually selected by the members of two of the groups to be the chairperson. I am familiar with the issues facing local government, how meetings are run, and have the ability to listen and work in a group setting to reach positive solutions to our problems.

Please list any hobbies or special interests that you would like to share. No Response.



CARLENE BECHEN

Town Board Supervisor Candidate Profile

Age: 50

Marital Status: Married

Children: Two children - Ashley, 25, and Luke, 22

Occupation: Teacher

How long have you resided in the Town of Oregon?

I have lived in Oregon Township since 1995 on Woodvale Drive, off Netherwood Road, and, since 2000, on Union Road south of the Village.

Why does the position of Town Board Supervisor interest you?

I have been involved in grassroots organizing for a long time and have been watching the work of the Town Board since I moved to the area. The real work of the Board is very much behind the scenes most of the time and requires a commitment to making sure Town residents are served. Now that my children are grown and living on their own, I feel that it is my turn to give back to my community. The Town Board serves that community and I would be honored to be a member of it.

Is there anything you would like to change in the Town of Oregon?

There are few social opportunities in the Town for residents to get to know one another unless they grew up here or live in the same neighborhood. I would like to see the Town provide such an opportunity. The barn dance, hosted by the O'Briens this past fall, is an example of such an event. Folks from all over the Town – young & old, long-time residents & newcomers, farmers & suburbanites – came together for a fabulous, fun evening. We got to know one another as neighbors in the same community.



CARLENE BECHEN CONT.

Do you have any prior Municipal experience?

I have never held office of any kind; however, I have been a student of the workings of government since my childhood when I helped my father in his bid for school board. I have worked at a grassroots level on a variety of issues and am very organized and hard working.

Please list any hobbies or special interests that you would like to share.

My top priority in life is spending time with family and friends, cooking, playing games, and just generally having fun together. Playing soccer is my one form of exercise. In summer, I love to work in my gardens. During the long Wisconsin winters, caring for my orchids and a menagerie of other houseplants keeps me sane.

The environment, education, civil rights, healthcare and peace are issues I care deeply about. I keep myself informed and enjoy working with others on these issues for the betterment of our world.

PHIL VAN KAMPEN

Age: 53

Marital Status: Married to Wife Liz

Children: Son Jeff, age 14

Occupation: Co-owner with my wife, Liz, of SprintPrint in Fitchburg.

How long have you lived in the Town of Oregon: 9 years

Why does the position of Town Board Supervisor interest you?

I've always had an interest in Local Government, as it is a place where one can make a difference on practically a one-to-one basis. I enjoy working with the residents, Board and Town Staff, dealing with day-to-day issues as well as being involved in long term decision making that will affect the Town well into the future.

Is there anything you would like to change in the Town of Oregon?

This is one election taking place this year where 'change' is not a talking point. For me, the challenge for a Board Member in the Town is to make every effort to retain the character of our rural area as it is while maintaining a good working relationship with Dane County and our neighboring communities.

Do you have any prior Municipal experience?

3 Years on the Town Board/3 Years on the Oregon Area Fire/EMS District Commission (currently Vice-Chair).

Please list any hobbies or special interests that you would like to share.

Government at any level interests me as I follow the proceedings of local, county, state and federal policy makers. Home improvement and reading take up most of my free time.



RICK ANDERSEN

Age: 53

Marital Status: Engaged to be married.

Children: Shawn, 29 Curt, 28

Occupation: Self-employed general contractor

How long have you resided in the Town of Oregon? 21 years

Why does the position of Town Board Supervisor interest you? Solving difficult problems by using common sense

Do you have any prior Municipal experience? Have been on the Town Board 4 years and the School Board for 6 years

Please list any hobbies or special interests that you would like to share. Fishing



THANK YOU AND FARWELL

Pen Beasley has decided to not seek re-election to the Oregon Town Board. Pen was elected as Town Board Supervisor in 2004 and 2006. Pen worked to uphold the rural character of the township. She secured a franchise agreement in 2005 with Charter Communications and attended several courses to develop an Emergency Management Plan for the town. She supported the parks and participated in Park Clean-Up Days. She has been a valuable asset and will be missed. We would like to thank Pen for her years of service and wish her the best!!



WELCOME

The Town of Oregon hired Brian Burkeland as the building inspector in July 2007. Brian resides in Oregon with his wife, Jolene and their 6

year old daughter, Jordana. Brian is employed full-time with the Town of Madison as a firefighter/paramedic. Brian is an avid hunter and sneaks away

to Canada whenever possible. Brian does not have set office hours, but can be reached at 576-4824.

PARK NEWS

A special thanks to Town resident Tim Yanacheck for the generous donation of \$770 for the purchase of 55 trees. Five trees will be planted at Kennedy Plant and 50 will be planted at the Town Park. The trees will be planted

on April 12, 2008 (rain date April 19, 2008) at noon, please meet at the Town Park. Any questions, please contact Steve Root at 835-9204.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **Town of Oregon Annual Meeting** will be held at the Oregon Town Hall, 1138 Union Rd., Oregon, W 53575, on **Tuesday, April 8 2008, at 7:00 p.m.**, to transact any business over which a Town Meeting has jurisdiction (§60.11 Wis. Stats).

ROAD PROGRAM

The Town's largest investment is the Town road system which consists of approximately 53 miles of roadway. All roads in the Town should meet the Town road standards as set forth by the State of Wisconsin. The

road program is based upon an annual road survey. In 2007 major road work was completed on Sun Valley Parkway and Raven Oaks Trail. Seal coating was completed on Alpine Road and Lathers Road and rubber asphalt was used on a

portion of Sugar Hill Road. In addition, the Town continued with the crack-filling program. The Town has not yet determined road work for 2008.

TOWN OF OREGON RECYCLING CENTER (TORC)

TORC FEES

Garbage (30-gal)	\$1.50
Fluorescent Light Bulbs	\$1.50
Refrigerator	\$25.00
Stove/washer/dryer	\$10.00
Couch	\$7.50
Mattress	\$7.50
Tires – small	\$2.00
Light truck	\$5.00
Large truck	\$10.00
TV	\$4.50

The TORC is available for use by all Town residents after obtaining an admittance sticker from the Oregon Town Hall. These stickers are not issued at the TORC. An admittance sticker costs \$1.00. Punch cards are available for purchase at both the Town Hall and TORC. A 20-punch card costs \$30 and works out to \$1.50 per 30-gallon bag. There is no charge for recyclables, but we do have charges for special items.

It is open year round on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please use extreme care to make sure only recyclable materials go into the recycling containers (dumpsters) at the TORC. The Town can be charged \$100 each time a non-recycling item is found in the recycle containers. We appreciate your cooperation.

OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW DATES SET

Each year the Town of Oregon holds an “Open Book” with the assessor present. This is an opportunity available to all homeowners to view the property tax roll. This allows residents to compare like or similar properties to your own property to determine if your assessment is fair. You may contact the Town’s Assessor Andy Blomstrom to discuss how the assessment was calculated; most issues can be resolved before the Board of Review even occurs. If after meeting with the Assessor you still feel your assessment is unfair you may make a written request to meet with the Board of Review to prove your case. The Objection form for Real Property Assessment must be filed with the Clerk’s office 48 hours before the scheduled Board of Review. Once the Board of Review is closed the opportunity to change your assessment

is over. The 2008 Open Book will be held Friday May 2nd from 6:00-8:00 pm and Saturday May 3rd from 9:00-11:00 am. You may reach your elected assessor, Andy Blomstrom at 835-5321 or email [HYPERLINK "mailto:andyblomstrom@charter.net"](mailto:andyblomstrom@charter.net) andyblomstrom@charter.net The 2008 Board of Review will be held on Friday May 16th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and Saturday, May 17, from 9:00-11:00 am. If you have questions regarding open book or board of review please call the Clerk’s office at 835-3200 we would be happy to explain the process.

WINTER OF 2008

The winter of 2008 was difficult to say the least. The snowfalls were frequent, some with large accumulations and many that started with ice followed by snow. Our road crews worked many long hours. Much like most Wisconsin Municipalities the Town of Oregon is over budget on fuel, labor, salt, sand and repairs. To assist our road patrol we are asking that you help out by repairing your own mailbox, some of them are just hanging on by a nail. There will be

gravel on the edge of your property near the road; the plows may have disturbed the grass near the edge of the road. Please try to handle the labor involved with repairing the terrace area of your property. Go out and meet your neighbors and assist others that are not able to do the task. Our road crew will be busy with potholes, repairing road signs and trimming overgrown trees just to name a few projects.

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Town Hall Rental:	The Town Board increased the rental fee for the town hall from \$50 to \$100 effective February 5, 2008. The deposit remains \$50. Anyone interested in renting the Town Hall should contact the Clerk's office at 835-3200.	
Burn Permit:	The Town does not require residents to obtain a burning permit, HOWEVER you must contact your fire department before you burn.	
Noxious/Invasive Weeds:	State Law requires every property owner to cut or destroy Canadian Thistle, Leafy Spurge and Field Bindweed (commonly known as Creeping Jenny) to prevent them from going to seed or spreading to adjoining properties. Any questions, please contact our constable Gary Wackett at 843-0673.	
Park Hours:	All park hours are from Sunrise to Sunset.	
Fireworks Permit:	Wisconsin State Statue 167.40 requires the Town of Oregon to issue Fireworks Permit for any person possessing or using fireworks. Permits can be obtained at the Clerk's office and cost \$2.00.	
TORC Hours:	The TORC will resume Wednesday hours, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., starting May 7, 2008 and ending October 1, 2008. It is open year round Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Important Numbers:	Senior Center – 835-5801 Oregon Fire/EMS – 835-5587 Brooklyn Fire/EMS – 455-3812	DNR – 275-3266 Belleville Fire/EMS – 424-3081 Dane County Sheriff – 255-2345

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Road Patrol Crew for their diligence during the difficult winter we experienced. Our current employees are Ron Outhouse Head Road Patrolman, and Harlan Heller. Romaine Ace, Dan Crapp and Tom Wendt were available when needed, which seemed to be nearly every weekend. This hard working crew went out in the wee hours of the morning to help us with our commute to work and school.

Thank you to our dedicated pollworkers. A presidential election year creates additional elections and new

security challenges. Our Chief Inspectors and Election Inspectors have completed their required trainings to participate on election day. We are grateful and feel blessed to have the group of people we do. The Town of Oregon Chief Inspectors are Myra Hann, Ruth Jeschke, Julie Seaborg, Ruth Klahn, Sandy Shackelford, Esther Huntoon and James Huntoon these individuals have completed additional training to hold this position. The following Election Inspectors have completed the required three hour training to work at the polls Susan Lethem, Maria Kluever,

Barb Wiedenbeck, Tom Wiedenbeck, Grace Wiedenbeck, John Wiedenbeck, Kathy Dauck Chris Johnson, Bob Johnson and Laura Richardson. We would like to thank this dedicated group that give of their time and talents so willingly. If you are interested in becoming a pollworker please notify our Deputy Clerk Jennifer Hanson. Please remember to register to vote before the Presidential election in November to avoid long lines. Remember to vote!

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