



Village of North Freedom Information Sheet!

Quarter 1 2026 - Happy New Year!



Real Christmas Tree Disposal!

Pickup dates for real
Christmas trees will be on:

Monday, January 12, 2026

Monday, January 19, 2026

Trees must be to/on the curb
for pickup **BY 8:00 AM** on the
above dates. Any not to the
curb or put out after the above
dates will need to be disposed
of by the owner.



In observance of New Year's, the
Village Municipal Building/Offices
will be closed on **Thursday,
January 1, 2026.**



THE 2026 CAUCUS FOR THE
VILLAGE OF NORTH FREEDOM WILL
BE HELD ON **MONDAY, JANUARY
12, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.** IN THE
NORTH FREEDOM COMMUNITY
CENTER.



**Due to training, the Village
Office will be also closed for
the morning on 1/8/2026.
Should be open by 12:00 PM***

Holiday Garbage Pickup will be:

New Year's: Saturday, January 3, 2026 *TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP



VOTE

2026 Election Schedule!

Spring Primary - Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - *if necessary**

Spring Election - Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Partisan Primary - Tuesday, August 11, 2026

General Election - Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Your polling place is the North Freedom Community Center, 105 N Maple St,
North Freedom, WI. Polling place hours are 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Check out myvote.wi.gov to register and to vote absentee if interested!

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 are required 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 with the exception to exceed the limit to 3 dogs per household with application prior to getting 3rd dog – Village Ordinance 12.08(13).***

Unneutered Male/Female: \$12.00

Neutered Male/Female: \$7.00

Duplicate License: \$6.00

Late Fee: \$10.00

3rd Dog Application Fee: \$25.00

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



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



Check out these upcoming Library events:

*Events will be in the North Freedom Community Center or Library**

- Wednesday, January 14th – Craft Club 2:30-4pm – Jewelry/Bracelet Making
- Tuesday, January 20th – Afternoon Craft 11-1pm
- Tuesday, February 10th – Storytime 10-10:30am
- Tuesday, February 17th – Afternoon Craft 11-1pm
- Wednesday, February 18th – Craft Club 2:30-4pm – Paper Portraits
- Tuesday, February 24th – Storytime 10-10:30am
- Tuesday, March 10th – Storytime 10-10:30am
- Tuesday, March 17th – Afternoon Craft 11-1pm
- Wednesday, March 18th – Craft Club 2:30-4pm – Cardboard Critters
- Tuesday, March 24th – Storytime 10-10:30am

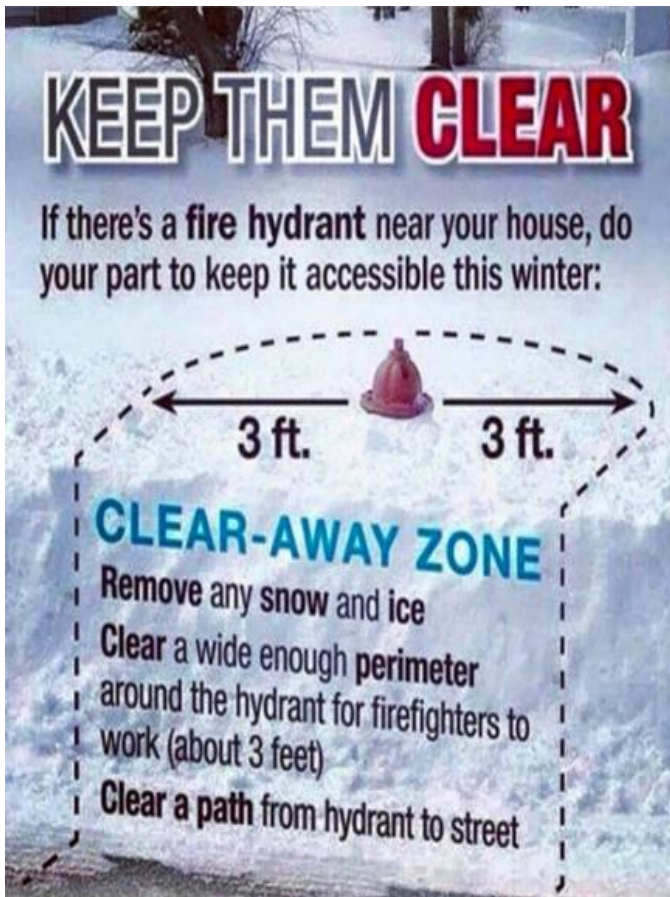
For more information on these exciting NEW programs, see our website: northfreedomlibrary.com.

SAVE THE DATE – NORTH FREEDOM EGG HUNT 4/4/2026!
Information coming soon!

Did you Know?

It is not just spouses of veterans or military that can join the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA)! If you are a widow/widower of a veteran, or a granddaughter, daughter, sister, mother of a veteran, you can be a member! The American Legion family strives to promote Americanism throughout the communities and has many scholarships for our youth! Veterans and active military can be members of the American Legion, but the family also included the SAL -- Sons of the American Legion (sons & grandsons) along with the auxiliary. The American Legion Family of North Freedom is working on holding a membership drive as it desperately needs members. Learn what the American Legion family has to offer and sign up today! For more information, please email christina.petranovich@yahoo.com or call 715-512-0628 and leave a message! Or call/email Diane Burkhalter at 414-807-0501/burkhalterdl@gmail.com! Christina Petranovich, 1st VP Dept. of WI ALA

For Any Public Works Needs:
Please Contact Director of Public Works, George Straubhaar, At **608-522-4522** – Call or Text! Email: nfreedomdpw@gmail.com



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!

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Smelt & Chicken Feed will be held **2/28/26** at the Fire Station for dine-in eating or the Community Center for take-out. More information will be posted. Be on the lookout!



NFFD Volunteers INC. thanks all of our supporters for the amazing turnouts of our past 2 events – Hunters Night Out & our Fire Department Open House (10/2025) & the Annual Gun Raffle (12/2025). We appreciate your continuous and generous support! Check back for other events!

Friends and Neighbors,

Season's greetings. Hope your holidays have been all you wished for.

As we enter 2026 there are just a few issues I want to bring to your attention:

First, please review the materials presented regarding a referendum coming up on the April ballot. Oak Hill Cemetery Association, located in the village, needs restructuring. As of now the Cemetery Board is a separate entity and may need to be absorbed by the village. Nicki has prepared some excellent materials explaining the position as it stands. Please check it out and/or attend the public information meeting on **Jan. 12** at **6 PM** in the village hall.

Then at **6:30 PM** that same evening, the **village caucus** will be held. There are three trustee seats up for bid in the April election. If you have ever considered running for office, I earnestly invite you to attend the caucus. Nominees need a first and a second nomination to get their names on the ballot, so be sure you have two people to nominate you. Any eligible voter in the village may run for office or nominate candidates.

I see nothing but great potential for the new Friends of the Village of North Freedom group that formed in 2025. Many great ideas have been discussed by the group. What is needed though is YOU. Join the Friends and help the village grow and prosper. Next meeting is **Jan. 19** at **6 PM** in the Village Hall. Contact the village for more information.

Lastly, one long range project I'd like to make you aware of is that Sauk County Highway Department plans to rebuild the Co. PF bridge over the Baraboo River in the summer of 2027. Currently the village's sanitary sewer pipes for the houses south of the river are located on/under the bridge structure. This will not be allowed on the new bridge so the village will be dropping those pipes below the river to connect with the north pipes. This must be done well in advance of the county doing their work and is scheduled for the Summer/Fall of 2026. This project should not require any closure of the bridge during its completion. However, when the county gets to work in 2027 the bridge will be closed, possibly for the entire summer and/or into the fall.

Wishing each and every one of you a healthy, prosperous 2026. May it bring peace and happiness to all.

Mike Carignan, Village of North Freedom President

Village Office of the Clerk/Treasurer 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>

Subscribe to updates on our website! Have them sent directly to your inbox or phone!



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Check us out on Facebook for all local & business-related news & updates!

Village of North Freedom

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!





Snow and Ice Removal Reminders

Per Village Ordinance 8.04 - the owner, occupant or person in charge of each and every building or structure or unoccupied lot in the village fronting or abutting any street shall clean, or cause to be cleaned, the sidewalk in front of or adjoining each such building or unoccupied lot of snow or ice to the width of such sidewalk within 24 hours after the cessation of a snowstorm. When the ice has formed on any sidewalk so that it cannot be immediately removed, the persons herein referred to shall keep the same sprinkled with salt, ashes, sawdust or sand. No person shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, any snow or ice taken and removed from his premises or elsewhere upon any sidewalk, alley, parkway, public place or street in the Village. The Village appreciates your cooperation!

THE FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH FREEDOM, INC. IS OFFICIALLY FORMED! WE ARE A 501(C)3 CORPORATION THAT IS A FUNDRAISING ENTITY FOR THE VILLAGE OF NORTH FREEDOM. HELP US GIVE BACK TO THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY WE ALL CALL HOME! BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIPQLSCJMFSQ2NHTTBSS0HSON6Z1JRYD1RTHVSLHGH19PXS6AI5_GG/VIEWFORM?USP=HEADER

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BE PLANNING OUR NEXT FREEDOM DAYS EVENT FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 & SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026! DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THE EVENT FUN? DONATE TO FREEDOM DAYS BY SCANNING THE QR CODE! BE A VOLUNTEER!

VILLAGEOFNORTHFREEDOMFRIENDSOF@GMAIL.COM



2026 North Freedom Recycling and Trash Collection Calendar

■ Holidays ■ Recycling ■ Trash

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Please call Republic Services in North Freedom at 608.548.9006 for more information.



Refuse/Recycling 2026 Calendar

If you need a larger version of this calendar, you can find them on our website in the Frequently Asked Questions tab. (<https://vonf.wi.gov/frequently-asked-questions/>). One was also mailed to you with your December utility bill. Refuse/Recycling Services are provided to you from Republic Services – Mauston Office. Customer Service: 877-692-9729.

Friendly Ordinance Reminders

- Alternate Side Parking begins **November 1** and goes until **April 1** of the following year. Village of North Freedom Ordinance 7.04(2)
- There is no parking in the downtown area (From 206 E Walnut to the 100 Block of E Walnut) from 2 A.M. to 6 A.M. - Village of North Freedom Ordinance 7.04(3)
- Please be mindful of maintaining the posted speed limits in the Village! We would like to keep our Village a safe place.

Sign up today for [CredibleMind](#). A mental health platform for residents of Sauk County. This platform is sponsored by Sauk County Public Health, Sauk Prairie Healthcare, & SSMHealth – St. Clare Hospital, Baraboo. The site features assessments, videos, articles, practices, and more centered around mental health topics.

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- 🧘 Sleep better
- 🧘 Break unhealthy habits
- 😊 Calm your mind
- ☀ Lift your mood



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****IMPORTANT****

CEMETERY REFERENDUM

The Oak Hill Cemetery Association has expressed interest in dissolving/abandoning their duties/ownership and wanting the Village of North Freedom to take over operations/ownership of the Oak Hill Cemetery (located at 400 N Maple St, North Freedom, WI 53951). The Cemetery's annual expenses for 2025 were approximately \$32,000.00 (\$42,000.00 with accounting for cashed in assets (time deposits (aka: CDs))) with revenue only coming in at \$18,000.00 (\$28,000.00 with accounting for cashed in assets (time deposits (aka: CDs))), so they were operating at a \$14,000.00 deficit, *approximately**. This has been an on-going trend for the Oak Hill Cemetery Association for many years now. The current Cemetery Board has stated that there is no one that would like to take it over and “work” for the Cemetery. If there are interested persons that would like to serve on their Board and take over operations, *PLEASE* let them know, ASAP! This may help prevent the needed referendum if the Village were to take over operations...

Why is a referendum needed? The Village of North Freedom's current levy is not sufficient enough to take on the additional financial obligation of operating a cemetery, therefore a referendum to increase the levy limit of the Village is being considered. Multiple referendum amounts are being weighed and the Village would like to invite the public (YOU!) to come and weigh these options together. There will be an informal public forum on Monday, January 12, 2026 – 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the North Freedom Community Center (105 N Maple St, North Freedom, WI 53951) where a presentation would be available for viewing and where the public can ask questions. No official Village Board action will take place during this forum. Following the forum will be the Village Caucus at 6:30 PM and then at 7:00 PM is the start of the Regular Board Meeting where the Village Board will act on a Resolution to take this subject to referendum. If a majority of the Village Board approves the Resolution, the electors of the Village will then vote on whether or not to approve the levy limit increase (*amount still TBD*) at the Spring Election on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Please come and join the discussion! Maybe we can find a better solution together! ❤️