



TOWN OF RHINE

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE TOWN CHAIRMAN

RED PLATZ

We have been encountering a number of situations lately where residents have been contacted by the Township because they are in violation of our Town of Rhine Ordinances regarding utilization of their properties.

What I am referring to are cases where businesses have been started and are operating on properties that are not zoned properly for business operations or have not requested a Conditional Use Permit from the Town of Rhine to operate the business. When we are made aware of these operations it is our duty to investigate what the circumstances are and determine whether or not we need to take action.

Often times when these situations arise we are put in the position of having to advise the affected parties that they will have to request a rezone of the property and/or apply for a Conditional Use Permit. These requests are not going to be automatically approved by the Planning Commission or the Town Rhine Board simply because someone was unaware of the requirements. If these requests are not granted we will have no choice but to require the business to shut down their operation.

It is the property owner's responsibility to check what they can or cannot do on their property. You can save yourself a lot of trouble by checking our Ordinances, which are on the Town of Rhine website, or by asking a member of the Town Board for clarification if you have any doubts.

While we understand that many people feel that "it is my property and I can do what I want" that is not really the case. Municipality zoning requirements were adopted many years ago to make sure that all residents are treated fairly and can assume that if they live in an area that is predominately zoned for a certain use, that will continue to be the case in most instances.

We would greatly appreciate your cooperation with these matters. If you are in doubt do not be afraid to ask.

TOWN HALL

NEW ADDRESS:

W5250 Cty Rd FF
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

(we no longer have a PO Box)

Phone: (920) 876-3413

Website: www.TownRhine.com

NEW OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
11:30am - 4:30pm

COLLECTION SITE

ADDRESS:

W6426 Cty Rd EH
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

HOURS:

Saturdays
8:00am - 4:00pm
Closed: December 25th



PROPERTIES

A mailbox has been installed in front of the Town Hall. There is no longer a P.O. Box.

When the new mailbox was installed, the shrubs were removed from the front lawn and the monument stone was moved to the east corner of the Town Hall. This gives more visibility to the mailbox and to the front doors of the Town Hall.

The exterior of the outside restroom has been painted. The roof and screens have been replaced.

Anyone who is interested in lending a hand to help with maintenance on the walking trail at the Town of Rhine Nature Park, please contact Larry at 920-889-5551.

- Larry Eberle

COLLECTION SITE

COLLECTION SITE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25TH

It would be appreciated if you only brought Garbage/Recyclables on January 1st as we expect heavy volume due to the December 25th closure.

ROADS

The construction season is over. Only snow plowing and emergency work will be done until Spring. Parking is NOT allowed without permission in the area in front of or around the bulletin board on Birch Point Dr. between Wehmeyer and Omar streets. Have a safe and healthy holiday season.

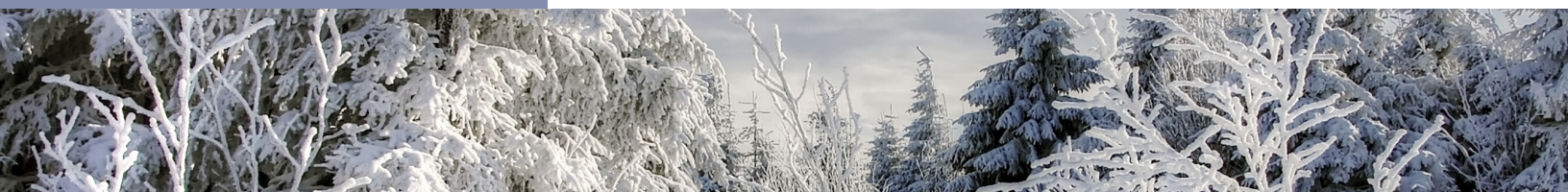
-Al Feld

NUISANCE PROPERTIES

We have had several cases in the last year and a half concerning properties that have large accumulations of undesirable items on them. Our position has always been that we try to work with the individuals and get the yards cleaned up in compliance with our Ordinances. For the most part this has worked pretty well. However, sometimes people just do not comply and do not clean up and we are forced to have the Town Constable issue citations which can result in court appearances and possible fines. This does not benefit the individual or the Town.

Please remember that your trashy yard affects your neighbors and the entire town. Do your best to keep your property free from trash so we can all continue to enjoy the true beauty of our wonderful Town.

- Red Platz





THANK YOU

Once again we are entering a year where we will have elections in the Town of Rhine. I just want to take a little space here to say THANK YOU to our very dedicated Town Clerks and our Poll Workers for the time and effort that they put into their duties to make sure that our elections are run properly. I have seen firsthand how dedicated these people are when they are preparing for or running our elections.

- Red Platz

ELECTIONS 2022

SPRING PRIMARY - February 15
(if required, watch for updated info on: myvote.wi.gov)

SPRING ELECTION - April 5

PARTISAN PRIMARY - August 9

GENERAL ELECTION - November 8

REMINDERS:

The State of Wisconsin requires you to show a photo ID for absentee and in-person voting. Please have your photo ID ready when you come to vote.

Voter registration is required at all polling places. You may register to vote prior to election day at the Town Hall or online at "myvote.wi.gov." Proof of residency and a photo ID are required.

In-person absentee voting takes place approximately two weeks prior to each election. Please bring your photo ID.

There is no voting on the Monday before ANY election in the State of Wisconsin.

DOG LICENSES

All dog licenses expire December 31, 2021.
2022 licenses are available mid-December.

The fee is \$7 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$14 for unaltered dogs. A current rabies certificate is required to obtain a license.

A late fee of \$20 is charged if dogs are not licensed by April 1, 2022. Please note the maximum number of dogs per parcel is four.

Make checks payable to: Town of Rhine.

Dog license fees cannot be combined with any other payments.

Submit fee and rabies certificate in person, by mail, or in the drop box to the left of the Town Hall front door.

As a dog owner you are required to vaccinate, license, and keep control of your dog.

Failure to do any of the above is a violation of State and local laws and is subject to fines.





Blast from the Past

Do you remember the name of this local band? From the July 2021 Newsletter

“Margie’s Rock ‘n’ Country”

A 4 piece band born in Sheboygan County, featuring local entertainers for 20 years. We performed at a wide variety of local and out of town bars, many weddings, picnics, fairs, on trailer beds, farm wagons and outdoor stages. Too many for this “older gal” to remember. My craziest memory was of a gig in someone’s garage, on the second floor, which was not well supported so as soon as we started to play, the speakers and amps all fell over and headed for the ground floor. Needless to say, it was the shortest gig we ever played. Our longest job was at Milwaukee’s Summerfest for seven days as front band for Channel 6 and the stars they featured every day.

In the beginning, 1971, our members were: Doug McDade (Lead Guitar), Jim Lukasewski (Bass Guitar) Tim Morrison (Drums) and Myself, Margie Gens, (Rhythm Guitar).

As the years passed, our members changed, as I remember, the names on lead guitar, Don Guthrie, Terry Kohls, Dennis Hill and finally, Gary Buss. On bass guitar, Randy Schnickert and finally Dean Barber. On drums, Billy Fisher, II and finally Steve Rood. Rich “Chopper” Bollman and Sandy Rammer were part-time roadies and techies.

As for my life, and to make a long story short Rock ‘n’ Country band was my dream come true and I thank God every day for all the love and blessings I have received in my life from my beautiful family, many wonderful loving friends, and for the talent he instilled in me and the fellow musicians who taught me how to be a good band leader for many years.

My three children and a few grandchildren are all musically inclined. As for me – I have traded singing for dancing to great local bands in the area. I’m also a poll worker and a good friend to family and friends.

- Margie Gens





PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Estimated date of mailing for tax bills from Sheboygan County is mid-December.

First installment payments are due January 31, 2022.

We DO NOT accept cash or combined payments for dog licenses and property tax payments.

Cash payments can be made at the bank.

Payment Options:

In-person: At the Town Hall
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
from 11:30am - 4:30pm

At Bank: Pay your taxes at
National Exchange Bank & Trust
274 Osthoff Avenue
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020
Normal lobby and drive through hours

By mail: Send payment to
Town of Rhine
W5250 Cty Rd FF
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

After Hours: Drop your payment
in the drop box (to the left of the Town
Hall front door).

Second installment payments are due
by July 31, 2022 and must be made
payable to:
Sheboygan County Treasurer
Administration Building
508 New York Avenue
Sheboygan, WI 53081

PLAN COMMISSION

NEW FORM AVAILABLE FOR PROPERTY REZONE AND CONIDTIONAL USE PERMIT REQUESTS

The form used to request rezoning of property and conditional use of property has recently been revised to include helpful references and clarified instructions to assist property owners. The new forms are available from the town clerk and must be completed in their entirety to start the town review process.

REVIEW OF CHAPTER 4 TOWN ORDINANCES BEING COMPLETED

A review of Chapter 4 town ordinances has been completed by the Ordinance Committee. Proposed changes have been recommended by the Plan Commission for adoption by the Town Board. Following review by the town's attorney, proposed changes to Chapter 4 will be scheduled for public hearing and action by the Town Board at an upcoming meeting. Check agendas of upcoming town board meetings for this topic. - Bill Jacob

Note: Starting January 2022 the Plan Commission will be meeting every other month as needed.





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Wishing you a Happy Holidays and
a Wonderful New Year!