

# NEWSLETTER – Spring 2020

## Setting Records

As we enter a new decade we are primed to set new records. Water levels in the Bay, ground water elevations, rain events, snow falls; all the weather related items from 2019 will be pushing back at us in 2020.

The Bay and Lake Michigan are at an all-time high water level. Ground water has inundated the soil; experts classify it as being 95-99% saturated. The National Weather Service predicts a colder and wetter than average spring. All of these things added together and spring flooding could be catastrophic.

Last year we saw problems with frozen culverts, roads topped over with flood water, yards flooded, and bay shore residents doing their best to fight back the water from the Bay. Everyone should expect 2020 to be worse.

The Town has been preparing itself; culverts are marked, our sewer, water, and stormwater systems have been improved in preparation.

For Town residents in need, the Town is providing prefilled sandbags that residents can purchase and pick-up at the Town Hall for \$1.00 per bag.



Brown County Emergency Services is preparing for flooding throughout the County and has set up a flooding preparedness website with important links to help people stay informed. Visit: [www.FloodingBC.com](http://www.FloodingBC.com)

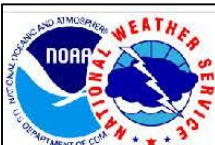
If you are interested in receiving emergency notifications the County's website will also instruct you on how to sign up for 'CodeRed' a text messaging service that will keep you informed of emergencies like flooding and road closings.

Preparing for a flood or any emergency should start with personal planning; don't expect someone else to do it for you.

### The County advises:

- ~ Consider Flood Insurance.
- ~ Have a battery back-up for your sump pump.
- ~ Move basement items upstairs.
- ~ Check in with neighbors, especially the elderly and those with special needs.
- ~ Have an evacuation plan (where will you go?)
- ~ Have a plan for your pets.
- ~ Have your medications, clothes, important papers & other essential items ready to go.
- ~ Make an emergency contact list.

**BE PREPARED.  
MAKE A PLAN.  
STAY INFORMED.**



National Weather Service

Green Bay

February 17, 2020

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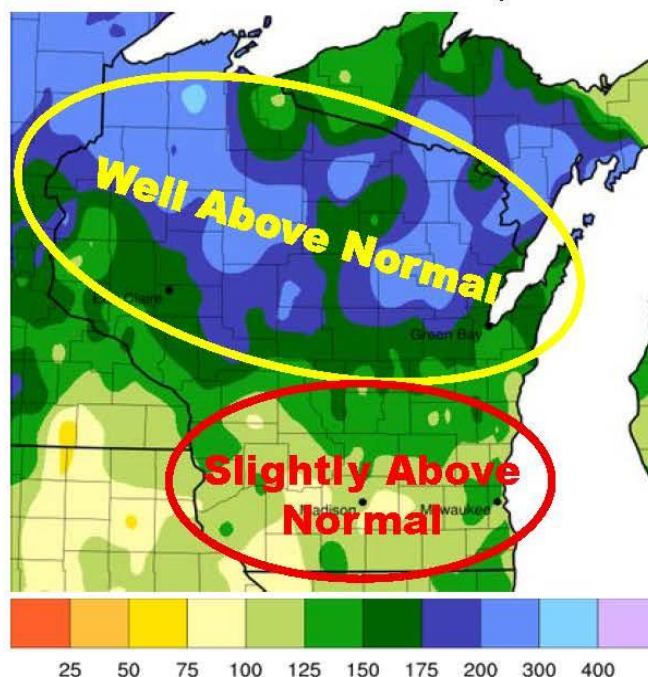


## Above Average Spring Flood Risk

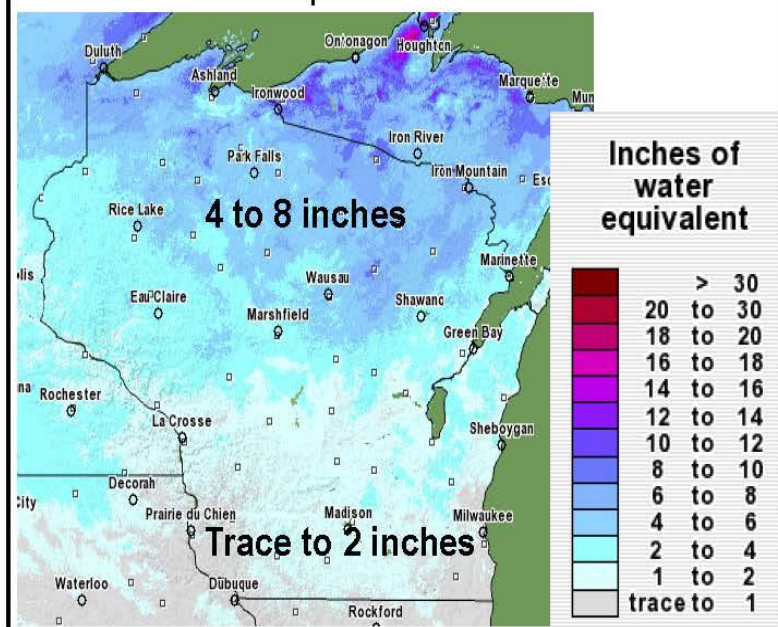
### What's New?

- Average to well above average precipitation this winter across the state.
- Snowpack has increased across all of Wisconsin with above average water equivalent.
- Soil moisture remains historically high in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile across Wisconsin.
- Streamflow remains much above normal across Wisconsin.
- March/April/May outlook has slightly increased chances for above average precipitation.

Accumulated Precipitation Compared to Normal  
From December 1<sup>st</sup> - February 11<sup>th</sup>



Snow Water Equivalent as of 2/13/2020



### What Does This Mean?

- Above average risk for spring flooding across Wisconsin.
- The ground cannot accept much additional water due to high soil moisture, causing increased runoff and flooding potential.
- Runoff into rivers that already high increases river flood potential.
- Minor flooding is expected, but more impactful flooding is possible, especially with rapid snowmelts and/or heavy rains.





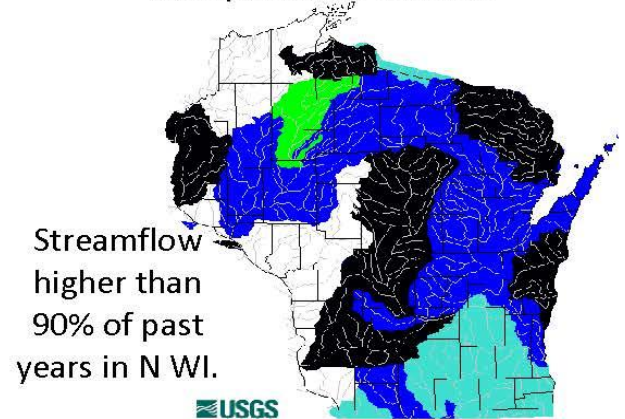
## Spring Flood Risk Factors:

- ✓ **High river levels**
- ✓ **High soil moisture**
- ✓ **Normal to above normal winter precipitation**
- ✓ **Deep snowpack with high liquid water equivalent**
- ☐ **Quick rate of snowmelt**
- ☐ **Deep frost depth**
- ☐ **Heavy rain**

## Potential Impacts This Spring

- Rivers freezing at elevated levels
- Ice jams, including locations that are not usually affected by ice jams
- Spring flooding, especially with any heavy rain on frozen ground or a rapid snowmelt
- Backwater/inundation flooding of river mouths near Lake Michigan
- Soil damage
- Delay or prevention of crop planting
- Travel impacts due to road or bridge damage

## February Streamflow Compared to Normal



Explanation - Percentile classes							No Data
Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	

## How to Prepare

- Make sure sump pump is working
- Install check-valves to prevent drain backups
- Elevate items in basement
- Consider flood insurance
- Have a source for weather information

## Scott Municipal Utility (SMU) Update

In past newsletters we have talked about the importance of not flushing wipes; they plug the sewer pumps, don't dump Fats, Oil, or Grease (FOG) they build up and plug pipes. Hazardous chemicals can make their way into lakes and streams. Proper disposal of these items is easy. Learn how you can *Love Your Pipes* and protect your health, the environment – and your pocketbook! Find out more at [www.newwater.us/LoveYourPipes](http://www.newwater.us/LoveYourPipes)

In the past reminders have also gone out to all residents that it is illegal to attach a sump pump to the sanitary system. Recent televising of the sanitary system has indicated that numerous homes have attached sump lines to the sewer system. Stormwater added to the sanitary flow has added to the cost all sanitary district members pay.

Filling ditches and dumping yard waste and leaves into ditches continues to be a problem. As spring approaches the ditches that have been filled will cause problems with drainage. Opening these ditches continues to be a physical and financial burden on the SMU.

**Beginning this year any resident or property owner found to be violating any of the Town's Ordinances, especially sewer and stormwater regulations should expect to be cited.** Citations are issued to the individual guilty of the violation. If the Town incurs any expenses for physical restoration of the system, the fee may go on the tax bill of the property owner.

## **Safety Reminder**

**All residents should be aware that maintaining proper addressing on your homes, businesses, and other buildings is your responsibility.**

As an urbanizing community there are parts of this town that are ‘city-like’ and other areas that are still very rural. Maintaining your address number in a way that it is visible from the road, night or day, is important no matter where your property is located.

Since the majority of the Town’s population lives on smaller platted lots with their homes closer to the road the address numbers can be displayed on the house, provided it is visible from the road. If your home is further back from the road or situated so that it is not visible from the road it is recommended that you install an address sign closer to the road.

Proper addressing and the ability to read it from the road, day or night, is for your own safety and well-being. If you have ever had a friend or delivery person not be able to find your place – how is the Fire Department or a First Responder going to find it when you call for help?

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## **Electronic Bill Payments**

In 2019 the Town began offering the option of making utility payments via Automatic Payment. There is no charge for this service. If you are interested in signing up for Automatic Payment for your utility bill, please contact the Town Hall for an authorization form or see the Town’s website and print off a form (go to the home page under Services, then go to Bill Pay and click on “Automatic Payment Authorization Form”. With Automatic Payments the utility bill payments will be taken directly out of a checking or savings account on approximately the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each quarter (January, April, July and October).

We are also set up for receiving payments via credit/debit card; either here at the Town Hall or from your own computer/tablet. The company that is providing this service is called “Government Payment Services”. There is a 2.65% service fee for this with a \$1 minimum charge (this fee goes to Government Payment Services). Credit/Debit card payments made at the Town Hall include: Water/Sewer Bill, Building Permits, Bartender/Operator License and Dog Licenses. Website: [www.govpaynow.com](http://www.govpaynow.com)

~ Use ‘Pay Location Code’: **a002ht** – for Utility payments / **a002hs** – for all other payment types

The Town is also offering to e-mail utility bills, upon request. Please call the Town Hall if you need assistance.

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## **Trash & Recycling Collection**

The Town contracts with Advance Disposal for rubbish and recycling collection services. They would like to remind customers of current policies.

- ~ Garbage and recycling carts should have at least 5 feet of separation between containers.
- ~ Carts should be set out early the morning of the assigned pick up date.
- ~ Carts must be removed from Town ROW within 24 hours of garbage or recycling pickup.
- ~ Trash and recycling materials may be picked up by either 2 different trucks; or one truck with 2 compartments.
- ~ Recyclables: please use the blue-lidded recycling cart to its fullest potential.
- ~ Do not recycle plastic grocery bags or place recyclables in plastic bags. Doing so jams the recycling machines and greatly reduces the efficiency of the recycling process.
- ~ Pick up for both garbage and recyclables is normally scheduled for Friday.

When a holiday occurs, all curbside pickup is delayed one day. In 2020 the garbage/recycling delay will occur after: Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day & New Year’s Day 2021.

Recycling is also an important part of waste management. For a complete list of acceptable recycling materials and how Brown County handles the recycling stream please visit their website:

[browncountyrecycling.org/recycling-acceptable-material](http://browncountyrecycling.org/recycling-acceptable-material)

## **Scott Business Park**

Last year we announced the purchase of land for the Town's first business park. The land is on Algoma Road, west of the STH 54/57 interchange. It is now rezoned, subdivided, and the infrastructure is being installed. By the beginning of summer, the new road into the Business Park will be paved, and we expect to see some new business breaking ground before the summer is over.

The Town has already accepted offers on several parcels; 1/3 of the Business Park is already spoke for! A great start for our little town, and a good first step towards our goal of becoming a village.

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## **Walk to Mary**

**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

The annual pilgrimage walk will start at the Shrine of St. Joseph at Old St. Joseph Church on the St. Norbert Campus and end at the Shrine of our Lady of Good Help, in Champion. This pilgrimage walk will run thru the Town of Scott; along Bay Settlement Road, with a lunch break at Holy Cross. For safety reasons the walkers will be shuttled across Hwy 57 and resume their pilgrimage at the corner of Van Lanen Rd. and South Hemlock Rd. Their walk will continue east on Van Lanen Road thru the Town of Scott. For more information and a map of the route visit their website: [www.walktomary.com](http://www.walktomary.com)

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## **Scott Municipal Utility**

**~ SMU Call Numbers ~**

Billing questions call Town Hall:  
(920) 406-9380

Sewer or Water problems call:  
Larry Skaletski  
(920) 660-5030  
or

Lee VandenLangenberg  
(920) 615-7171

## **Spring Elections**

**~ April 7, 2020 ~**

Election races include:

- ~ 2 Town Supervisors
- ~ Green Bay School Board
- ~ Brown County Supervisor
- ~ Circuit Court Judge Branch 8
- ~ State Supreme Court Justice
- ~ Presidential Preference
- ~ Statewide Referendum

Residents vote at the Town Hall  
2621 Jody Drive  
New Franken, WI 54229

**7:00 am to 8:00 pm**

### **Other 2020 Election Dates:**

- ~ August 11<sup>th</sup> (*Partisan Primary*)
- ~ November 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
(*Presidential Election and others*)

We are anticipating a large voter turnout for the April and November elections.

### **We encourage you to:**

- ~ Make sure you are registered ahead of time. Call the Town office or go on the State's website (<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>) to either look up the information and/or register)
- ~ Vote absentee via mail or do in-person absentee voting. Ballots are available at least two weeks before the elections. Again, contact the Town Hall or go on the State's website.

- ~ Forms for Registration and Absentee Voting can be also be found on the Town's website:

[www.townofscott.com](http://www.townofscott.com)

*Under: Services/Election Information*

### **Questions? Contact:**

Town Clerk John Roth or  
Deputy Clerk Debbie  
VandenLangenberg  
(920) 406-9380

## **New Franken Fire Department Events**

The 2020 NFFD's Annual Smelt Fry Fundraiser will be held Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, serving food 11am-8pm and Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, serving food 11am-2pm. The Smelt Fry is held at the New Franken Sportsman Club. Volunteers are appreciated to help clean smelt on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 pm.

The Annual Walk/Run: To be determined. Time and date to be announced.

If you are interested in helping the Fire Department, please join the 'Friends of New Franken Fire Department'. The Friends help organize fund raisers events. All funds are used for the purchase of equipment which helps reduce the demand on taxes. Interested? Find them on Facebook or contact Carolyn Tielens at (920) 660-1807.

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## **Yard Waste Site**

The Town's Yard Waste Site is located at the end of Bertrand Lane, west of CTH T. The site is open April 1<sup>st</sup> - Nov 18<sup>th</sup>. Hours:  
**Wednesday: 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm.**  
**Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.**  
**Sunday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.**

The Yard Waste Site accepts grass, brush, leaves, & garden waste only. It does not accept stumps and large debris. The Town does not provide curbside collection for any of these items, we ask all residents to make their own provisions for properly disposing of these items. Finnel Landscape has been contracted to manage yard waste materials at the site. Wood chips can be picked up when available, during regular hours. Please follow directions as posted or as provided by the attendant.





# Renew Our Waters

*Every choice counts.*

## The Perfect Landscape

You can create a beautiful outdoor space and protect our waters.

A perfect home landscape doesn't need to come at the price of clean lakes and streams. We can have both. But to make it happen, we all need to think a little differently.

### LESS HARD SURFACE

The more concrete or blacktop your property has, the more water will run off the property and into storm drains and ditches. 75% more rain water sinks into the ground in a natural versus developed area. Stormwater that flows from developed areas also carries oil, grease, fertilizer, bacteria, animal manure, etc.

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Planning for minimal hard surface on your property makes good sense. Consider the amount of runoff that will be generated by roofs, pavement and sidewalks. Focus on natural plantings to slow water so that it filters into the ground rather than runs off. Where needed, install permeable surfaces such as open bricks that allow water to sink into the ground.

Minimizing runoff reduces damage to your property and eases down streams. It may also save you money if you live in a city that has a storm water utility, since storm water utilities are based on the amount of runoff your property sends to the storm sewer system.

### RAIN GARDENS

Rain gardens are slight depressions in a yard that act as receiving areas for rain water that runs off your roof and downspouts. Rain gardens capture rainwater before it picks up oil, grease, fertilizer, pesticides or other contaminants. Rain gardens infiltrate groundwater by allowing runoff rather than passing it into the stormwater system. Often they're planted with native plants that thrive on moisture, but can withstand a dry period too.

### RAIN BARRELS

A rain barrel captures water that flows from a roof through downspouts. Commonly, the rain barrel is a 55-gallon drum designed specifically to hold water without creating a mosquito breeding habitat. A tight-fitting lid, screen for the downspout, and tilted end overflow holes allow overflow water to move away from the rain barrel.

Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn or letting fertilizer fall into the street drain. We can choose products carefully and shape our lawns and pavement so water sinks in. When we do, runoff is reduced, pollutants filter out and streams and groundwater are protected.

Untreated runoff is the biggest threat to our nation's water quality, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Let's make the small, important changes that will reduce that threat and improve water quality and our lives!

## Realize

What touches the ground enters the water.

Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium  
P.O. Box 1861 Appleton, WI 54912 920.858.4240

[RenewOurWaters.org](http://RenewOurWaters.org)

## Dog License Application – Town of Scott

Dog license expire on December 31 of each year as indicated on the license – avoid added cost to dog licenses by renewing them when they expire at the end of the year. It is the requirement of owners to license all dogs (WI Stat 174). All dogs must have current rabies shots. If your dog is currently licensed in the Town and the rabies shot has not expired within the past year, the Town will have a copy on file – there is no need to send the certification. If your dog is no longer a part of your family, please sign the back of your license and state the reason. Return to the Town of Scott Town Hall so that your dog can be removed from the Town records.

### Licensing fees:

\$10.00 Male or Female – Not Neutered or Spayed

### If your dog is Neutered or Spayed the following fee applies

\$5.00 Male or Female – Neutered or Spayed.

**\$5.00 late fee if licensed after April 1 (per license)**

### Please send Payments & Info to:

Town of Scott Clerk/Treasurer

2621 Jody Drive

New Franken, WI 54229

(920) 406-9380

**Dog License Form** - Fill out completely and return with correct fee. Necessary information needed to license a dog is found on your veterinarian rabies certificate.

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One) Male or Female

Neutered or Spayed: Yes/No

Late Fee: Yes/No

Total Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Mfg: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Serial: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Rabies Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a complaint in regard to barking dogs or dogs running at large, please contact one of the Town Constables: Leland Baenen at (920) 866-2658 or Kurt Baenen (920) 660-3517.



Town of Scott  
2621 Jody Drive  
New Franken, WI  
54229



## BECOME A FLUSH FIGHTER!

→ TAKE THE FLUSH FIGHTERS PLEDGE

I will protect our pipes and environment by only flushing the 3 P's - Poop, Pee, and Toilet Paper.

I will not flush wipes - even the ones that say "flushable."

I will put wipes, floss, sanitary products, and everything except the 3 P's in the trash.

*I am a Flush Fighter!*

[www.newwater.us/3Ps](http://www.newwater.us/3Ps)

