



From the Office of the Governor

Spring 2014

Town of Vernon

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PO Box 309
Big Bend, WI 53103
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WEBSITE

www.townofvernon.org

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Sheriff (non-emgcy) 446-5070
Fire Station (non-emgcy) 662-2079
EMERGENCY 9-1-1

TOWN OFFICIALS

Chairman
Thomas Bird 662-2971
chairman@townofvernon.org

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supervisor1@townofvernon.org

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supervisor2@townofvernon.org

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clerk@townofvernon.org

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Laureen Dashek 662-2039
treasurer@townofvernon.org

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Andy Hoppe 470-5187
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County Board Supervisor #24
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County Board Supervisor #25
Gilbert Yerke 363-7556



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

HONORING THE TOWN OF VERNON 175th Anniversary

WHEREAS; the citizens of the Town of Vernon, in Waukesha County, are celebrating their 175th Anniversary in March of 2014; and

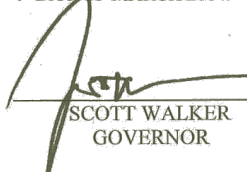
WHEREAS; the Town of Vernon was initially part of Muskego until March 8, 1839, when the State Legislature created the Town; and

WHEREAS; in 1836, the first settlers arrived from Vermont, and some feel that the Town's name was taken from the name – Vermont, while others claim it was named for Mt. Vernon, George Washington's home; and

WHEREAS; according to the latest census information, the Town of Vernon has a population of 7,221, who, like their predecessors, still farm, hunt, and enjoy the natural beauty of the land;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby commend the citizens of the Town of Vernon on their 175th Anniversary.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL IN
THE CITY OF MADISON THIS
4th DAY OF MARCH 2014.

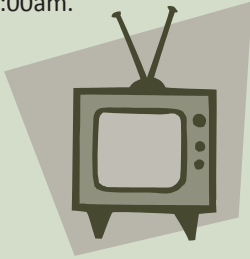


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR



Watch Us LIVE!

Town of Vernon Board of Supervisors and Plan Commission may be seen LIVE on Cable Channel 25/15.1 or during rebroadcasts at Noon, 5:00pm, 10:00pm and 3:00am.



Big Bend-Vernon Historical Society: It Just May Become History . . .

"It is said that, at its best, preservation engages its past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future." ~ William J. Murtagh

The Town of Vernon first began its existence as part of Muskego and on March 8, 1839 the Town of Vernon was created by an act of the State Legislature. Our first settlers in the Town—John Dodge, Prucius Putman, and Curtis B. and Onien Haseltine—arrived from Andover, Vermont in November of 1836. Onien Haseltine is said to be responsible for naming the Town of Vernon which some feel seem to reflect his original home of Vermont, while others say the Town was named after Mt. Vernon. Today our beautiful Town of Vernon is home to 7,221 residents where people still farm, hunt and enjoy the splendor of its land.

On March 8, 2014, the Town of Vernon marked its 175th year as a State of Wisconsin town. Unfortunately, its Historical Society may be forced to close its doors permanently due to the lack of volunteers and board members.

To celebrate and honor our founders and all its residents—past, present and future—please consider becoming part of the Big Bend-Vernon Historical Society.

Help preserve the tradition and history of this fine town . . . it's our future! Contact Karen Schuh at 262-662-2039 for additional information.

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2014 Election Dates

There are two scheduled elections remaining in 2014. The polling locations are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please verify that your polling location hasn't changed on our Town's website at: www.townofvernon.org or by contacting the Town Clerk's Office at (262) 662-2039.



2014 ELECTION DATES:

PARTISAN PRIMARY
August 12

GENERAL ELECTION
November 4

Election Pollworker Recruitment

Have you ever been curious about the electoral process? Are you looking for a way to get involved in your community and earn some cash while you doing it? Do you have at least a half day of your time to give one to four times per year? Well, if you answered "yes" to these questions, then we want you to contact us and get trained to become a Town of Vernon election worker! We are always in need of more individuals that are willing to help the Town out in this capacity and would love the opportunity to speak with you! High School Students are encouraged to apply. Please contact Town Clerk Karen Schuh at 262-662-2039 or clerk@townofvernon.org for more information.

Voter Website

At www.myvote.wi.gov you can check your voter registration status, find your polling place, see your sample ballot, request an absentee ballot (military and permanent overseas voters only), and check provisional ballot status.

Town of Vernon 2014 Spring Election Results

Supervisor #1 - Jeff Millies

Supervisor #3 - Tim Agoudemos

Note From the Treasurer

My Office is always open for positive suggestions. If anyone has any, please contact me either by e-mail treasurer@townofvernon.org or by telephone **662-2039**.

Thank you,
Laureen Dashek, Treasurer

Property Taxes—2nd Installment

All 2nd installments of property taxes are due by July 31, 2014 to:

Waukesha County Treasurer's Office
515 West Moreland Boulevard, Room #148
Waukesha, WI 53188
Phone: 262-548-7029
Office Hours: Mon thru Fri – 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

A drop box is located on the east side of the administration building, across from door 35, facing Pewaukee Road. Any tax deposited in the box by 7:30 a.m. will be dated for the previous day.



NSF Checks

There will be a **\$25.00** processing fee for ALL returned checks.

Two's Company . . . Three's a . . . Hobby Kennel

Town of Vernon Ordinance §117-10 (B) Kennel Licensing requires a Hobby Kennel License for more than two dogs. License year begins January 1st. *An establishment, structure, premises, or pursuit accessory to the principal use of the property where three or more dogs of six or more months of age are kept for such private purposes as pets, field trials, shows, or hobby, which is not a commercial kennel. The raising of two litters of dogs per year on a premises and the sale or disposal of said dogs within six months of their birth shall also be considered a hobby kennel.*

- Hobby Kennel Application (available on-line)
- \$100 non-refundable Application Fee
- \$60 License Fee

Return License Application and monies to the Clerk's office for an appointment with the Town Planner.

Additional fees and permits may be applicable.

Dog Licenses

All dogs, age five months and older **MUST BE LICENSED**.

Before you submit your dog license application, be sure you sign the bottom of the form and include the rabies vaccine & manufacturer numbers. A dog license application is included with your tax bill. The application can also be found on the Town's website under the Treasurer's Office link.

Please remember your dog's license expires on December 31st.

Lost dogs taken to the Humane Society after January 1st will not be released without a current license.



Tax Bill Online!

You can now access your tax bill online! Visit:

www.waukeshacounty.gov

click on **Tax Listing** under **Quick Links**. You may then access your tax bill by tax parcel number (tax key) or by address. Any questions, please contact the Treasurer.



Refuse & Recycling / Bulky Items

As a reminder, all household trash must be *inside* your 96 gallon cart. Bulky items will be collected every other Thursday. The bulky collection week is opposite the recycling collection week. To schedule the collection of your bulky item, please contact customer service at 1-888-960-0008 to be added to the next collection schedule. Bulky items include: Furniture • Mattresses • Carpet • Toilets & Sinks • Lawn Mowers • Swing Sets • Small Auto Parts (other than batteries) • Grills



Waste Management



1-414-761-2100

1-800-640-5571

WM Landfill
10712 South 124th,
Franklin, WI
414-529-6180

TOV Master Account
#48826168

Brush Pickup - Begins May 5, 2014

A TALE OF TWO ROUTES



The Town brush pickup service is divided into two pickup routes. The process will be completed in approximately two weeks. If you do not have your brush out on your scheduled date, they will not come back.

The **FIRST** round of brush pickup for the Spring begins on May 5, 2014. The first pickup's route includes all of Center Drive and everyone EAST of Center Drive. **Please have all branches at the roadside by Sunday, May 4, 2014.**

The **SECOND** round of brush pickup for the Spring begins on May 12, 2014. The second pickup's route includes everyone WEST of Center Drive. **Please have all branches at the roadside by Sunday, May 11, 2014.** Your DPW Director hopes to have the entire town completed by the end of the second week, May 18, 2014.

BRUSH PICKUP DO'S & DON'TS

The Town of Vernon conducts all brush pickup mechanically with roadside chipping. For efficient service and safety, we ask that you follow these guidelines:

- Have all branches at the roadside the Sunday before it is scheduled.
- Brush must be no larger than six (6) inches in diameter and no longer than 20 feet.
- Place brush near the edge of the road.
- Brush pick up is now being done completely by machinery and no longer manually. Please have your brush in one pile instead of numerous smaller piles as the machine works better with one large pile versus several smaller piles.
- Please, do not spread out the brush.
- The bundles must be stacked near the edge of the road with the largest diameter facing towards the road.
- There is a time limitation of 20 minutes per household.
- Unfortunately, if you do not have your brush at roadside when they do go through, we are **unable** to come back.

The Kaishian Landfill of Big Bend

The Clerk's Office receives many phone calls complaining about the mud and dust on National Avenue and the question "What is going on?" in the landfill located immediately adjacent to the Town of Vernon. The Vernon Town Board of Supervisors and the Vernon Water Monitoring Committee are working very hard to address many of their concerns regarding the Kaishian landfill site. They are in contact with not only concerned residents of the Town of Vernon, but also the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Village of Big Bend. Most recently, the Vernon Town Board decided to take their concerns to the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The Vernon Town Board of Supervisors and the Town of Vernon Water Monitoring Committee have requested a field survey of the wetlands to the north and west of the fill site in order to determine the affects the land fill has had on the

Kaishian Property Page 10

Karen's Korner

In my first year as Vernon's Town Clerk I have to admit, it has been a very interesting year to say the least. Meeting many new people and seeing or hearing from people that I do know, is always a great part of my position. To be truthful, I look forward to the many challenges I see related to the level of service I would like to bring to the Town of Vernon. The level of service that I envision for the Town of Vernon can only be given with a *dedicated* and *professional* staff. Those two words only capture a small part of the true character of our current Deputy Clerks in the Town of Vernon. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to them.



The mission of the Clerk's Office to provide service to the community is truly a *team* effort and our friendly team of Town of Vernon Deputies includes Tammy Spone, Therese Marquardt, Karen Janick and Dawn Blessing. In our team effort approach, our dedicated part time deputies serve the Town in all areas of the Clerk's Office.

Karen's Korner Page 6



Town Clerk's Office

To Better Serve You!

Office Hours

8:00am—4:00pm
Monday thru Friday

262-662-2039

"Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." ~Vince Lombardi

Town of Vernon Celebrates 175 Years

In March of 2014, The Town of Vernon celebrated 175 years of community town pride. At this year's Town Annual Meeting on April 15, 2014, the Town of Vernon will receive several State of Wisconsin special government acknowledgements from the State of Wisconsin, Governor Scott Walker, State Senator Mary Lazich and State Representative David Craig. These acknowledgements are greatly appreciated; however, we would like to know if you feel we should do more as a Town overall. In September of 2014, we are looking to host a celebration honoring the Town of Vernon for its 175 years of history and generations of

Town pride! Your thoughts, suggestions and help to host such a great milestone event would be greatly welcomed. To witness that great Vernon pride in action, we are also looking for help from community service groups, scouts and residents alike. If you are interested in helping or learning more, please contact any of the Vernon Town Board members, Town Clerk Karen Schuh or the Town Hall Offices.



FREE Woodchips & Fill

FREE woodchips & fill (including delivery) are offered to all Town of Vernon residents.

Residents who would like to receive woodchips & fill should complete an authorization form at the Public Works Department located at the Vernon Town Hall or you may download an authorization form from the Vernon website at: www.townofvernon.org

The quality of these chips will vary greatly and are not like woodchips available at a nursery. If you have any questions, please call 662-7785. *Woodchips are on a first come first serve basis and are subject to availability.*

Name That Soccer Field!



The Park and Recreation Committee have created the opportunity of selling the naming rights to the new soccer field to raise money for the Park and Recreation Program. This is your opportunity to have a soccer field named after yourself, organization or business. Bids will be accepted until August 1, 2014. Highest bidder who has met the minimum reserve amount will be awarded the naming

rights. Names must meet policy guidelines as well as final approval of Town Board.

Interested parties should contact the Town Clerk for an application.

DPW Office Hours

Monday - Friday
7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

DPW Director: Doug Salentine

662-7785 or 662-7786

NEW MAILING ADDRESS!

In an effort to save money and to increase efficiency the



Clerk's Office will no longer utilize PO Box 309 and will now receive USPS directly at the Town Hall.

**W249 S8910 Center Drive
Big Bend, WI 53103
262-662-2079**

Karen's Korner

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They are the first responders to many of the phone calls, walk-ins and online requests of the residents or the public at large. They assist in all facets of government service whether it is, financial, Plan Commission, elections, recreational needs, Vernon's web hosting, Vernon's government access channel and the informative newsletter you are currently reading. This is just a brief overview of what these dedicated and professional women do for the Town of Vernon. As you can tell, I feel so honored and blessed to be working with such a great team of capable women.

Another very important point I need to bring to your attention is the fact that with the four dedicated part time employees serving the Town of Vernon, the Town has saved over \$25,000 in the 2013 budget year and over \$49,000 in the 2014 budget year. As a team, we pride ourselves in being fiscally responsible while delivering outstanding service to the Town. We have many goals in the Clerk's Office to improve efficiency, service and communication. After a year, we finally have the approval to provide broadcast messaging to Town residents on Facebook and Twitter. Our next challenge is the Town's current website. The current website setup is very old, outdated, not supported and incapable of providing the level of service the Clerk's Office would like to bring to the Town. We are currently working on alternative options for the Town Board to discuss at a future date.

Karen L. Schuh, Town Clerk

"As my term as Supervisor starts, I quote General MacArthur when I say 'Duty, Honor, Country' and my service to you and the Town of Vernon."

~Telemachos P. Agoudemos, Newly Elected Supervisor #3

WAUKESHA COUNTY



Waukesha County Website offers a wide range of valuable resources, information and contacts:

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Circuit Court Judges
Clerk of Circuit Courts

County: Board—Clerk—Executive
District Attorney
Register of Deeds
Sheriff
Treasurer

DEPARTMENTS

Administration
Aging & Disability Resource Ctr
Airport
Circuit Court Services
Corporate Counsel
Emergency Preparedness
Federal Library
Health & Human Services
Medical Examiner
Parks & Land Use
Public Works
UW Extension
Veterans

www.waukeshacounty.gov

Hi, My Name Is Telemachos P. Agoudemos . . . But You Can Call Me "Tim"

Thank You. Thank you to everyone for the support that you have given me over the past few months in this opportunity to serve as a Town Supervisor. I look forward to being able to serve you not only as a Town Supervisor, but as your neighbor as well.

My full name is Telemachos P. Agoudemos, but I do go by Tim for short. Both of my parents are naturalized US citizens who emigrated from Greece. I was born in Milwaukee, WI, grew up in Brookfield, WI and graduated from Brookfield Central in 1992. In 1996, I joined the US Army, mostly because I wanted to serve my country and that my father was a US Army veteran himself, having served with the 101st Airborne during the Vietnam War. I served in the US Army as a Signal Support Systems Specialist with my last duty assignment being in the 82nd Airborne out of Ft. Bragg, NC. Currently, I am the president of C3T, Inc., a general construction contractor that I started in 2006. My house is within the River Oaks Subdivision where I live with my two daughters, Loukia and Fotula, and my long-time girlfriend, Amanda. In addition to the Town Board and the School Board, I am very proactive within the American Legion and the VFW.



As my term as Supervisor starts, I quote General MacArthur when I say 'Duty, Honor, Country' and my service to you and the Town of Vernon. I look forward to working with the Town officials and employees in serving our town. I am aware of the rising issue that our Town faces on many fronts. Some of those issues will involve difficult decisions, but it will be with great moral code to guard the best interests of our Town and its residents. As a veteran, my oath has no expiration and that my service is to you and our Town.

You Can Call Me "Tim," Page 8

Easy to Read 2014 Refuse/Recycling Calendar

Below is a NEW and IMPROVED 2014 Waste Management Refuse/Recycling Calendar specifically for the Town of Vernon. You will find this calendar to be easier and friendlier to read than the previous *generic* Refuse/Recycling Calendar which was mailed out to Town residents at the end of 2013. If you have any questions regarding your Refuse/Recycling do not hesitate to contact Waste Management directly at **1-414-761-2100** or **1-800-640-5571**.

Rules Governing Open Burning & Burning Permits

Open burning is allowed in the Town of Vernon to assist residents with the removal of natural yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, and branches from their property.

Such burning is allowed from sunrise to sunset when the wind speed is less than 9 mph. Burn piles should be no larger than 4' by 4', no more than 3' in height, and must be no closer than 50' to any building or other flammable items. A garden hose, hand tools, or other means to control the fire must be accessible and an adult over the age of 18 must be in attendance at all times while burning.

The fire department must be contacted on the day of the burn at **662-2079** and provided with the address of the burn and the name and phone number of the person responsible during the burn.



TOV FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF
Alex Felde

ASST. FIRE CHIEF:
Patrick Hays

NON EMERGENCY:
262-662-2079
Fax: 262-662-2981

ADMIN OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Friday
6:00am—6:00pm

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL:
9-1-1

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2014 Refuse / Recycling

Collection Schedule

Waste Management-Minnesota/Wisconsin Market Area

➤➤➤ SHADED DAYS = RECYCLING DAYS ◀◀◀

January						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			No Pickup	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**Jan 1 pickup will be delayed by one day

February						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

April						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	No Pickup	27	28	29	30	31

**May 26 pickup will be delayed by one day

June						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	No Pickup	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**July 4th pickup will be delayed by one day

August						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

September						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	No Pickup	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**Sep 1st pickup will be delayed by one day

October						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

November						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	No Pickup	28	29
30						

**Nov 27 pickup will be delayed by one day

December						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	No Pickup	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**Dec 25 pickup will be delayed by one day

**Observed holidays. Service delayed 1 day throughout remainder of week.

TOWN OF VERNON MASTER ACCOUNT

#48826168

Please reference this number when dealing with Waste Management directly (i.e. Pick-up Issues, Bulk Item Scheduling, etc.).

Thank You.

2014 Observed Holidays	
New Years Day	Jan 1
Memorial Day	May 26
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	Sept 1
Thanksgiving	Nov 27
Christmas	Dec 25

Open Book

Residents wishing to discuss their property assessment with the Town of Vernon Assessor may do so at our annual Open Book session:

TOV Open Book

May 5, 2014
Town Hall
3:00pm—6:00pm
262-662-2039

Residents wishing to appear before Board of Review are *required* to attend Open Book.



Board of Review

Residents who wish to go before the **Town of Vernon Board of Review** must contact the Town of Vernon Clerk's Office 262-662-2039 to be placed on the Board of Review Agenda and to receive all necessary information and forms to be completed prior to the review.

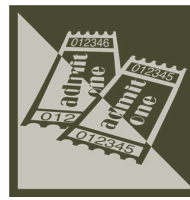
IMPORTANT: *Residents must also have attended the TOV Open Book Session on May 5, 2014. If the resident did not attend Open Book, they cannot appear before the Board of Review.*

TOV Board of Review

May 20, 2014
Town Hall
6:00pm
262-662-2039

Town of Vernon Summer Discount Ticket Program Returns!

Get Out & Go! The TOV Park & Recreation Department is once again offering its Summer Dis-



count Ticket Program to area attractions. Tickets may be purchased at the Town Hall during regular business hours 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday thru Friday. Tickets offered at a discounted rate; other restrictions may apply:

Chula Vista Resort Indoor/Outdoor Waterpark
Gate Price: \$29.95 - TOV: \$19.95 *Save \$10.00*

The Springs Water Park @ Country Springs Hotel—\$15 Admission Day
Gate Price: \$15.00 - TOV: \$12.50 *Save \$2.50*

The Springs Water Park @ Country Springs Hotel—\$25 Admission Day
Gate Price: \$25.00 - TOV: \$19.50 *Save \$5.50*

Upper Dells Boat Tour
Adult: \$27.75 - TOV: \$23.50 *Save \$4.25*
Child: \$13.85 - TOV: \$13.50 *Save \$0.35*

Jet Boat Adventure
Adult: \$27.75 - TOV: \$23.50 *Save \$4.25*
Child: \$13.85 - TOV: \$13.50 *Save \$0.35*

House on the Rock
Adult: \$28.50 - TOV: \$22.50 *Save \$6.00*
Child: \$15.50 - TOV: \$12.50 *Save \$3.00*

Milwaukee County Zoo
Adult: \$14.25 - TOV: \$10.50 *Save \$3.75*
Child: \$11.25 - TOV: \$8.50 *Save \$2.75*

Milwaukee Public Museum
Adult: \$15.00 - TOV: \$12.00 *Save \$3.00*
Child: \$11.00 - TOV: \$9.00 *Save \$2.00*

Dome Theater
Adult: \$9.00 - TOV: \$7.00 *Save \$2.00*
Child: \$7.00 - TOV: \$6.00 *Save \$1.00*

Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park
Gate Price: \$42.58 - TOV: \$23.50 *Save \$19.08*

Noah's Ark Waterpark
Gate Price: \$41.52 - TOV: \$31.25 *Save \$10.27*

Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf & Family Fun Ctr
Gate Price: \$8.50 - TOV: \$5.50 *Save \$3.00*

Six Flags Great America (Seasonal Passes)
Gate Price: \$81.99 - TOV: \$77.40 *Save \$4.59*

Six Flags Great America (Any Day)
Gate Price: \$65.99 - TOV: \$43.25 *Save \$22.74*

Six Flags Great America (WPRA Week July 5-13, 2014)
Gate Price: \$65.99 - TOV: \$33.25 *Save \$32.74*

Wisconsin Ducks
Adult: \$27.75 - TOV: \$23.50 *Save \$4.25*
Child: \$13.85 - TOV: \$13.50 *Save \$0.35*

Dells Army Ducks
Adult: \$28.17 - TOV: \$18.00 *Save \$10.17*
Child: \$12.21 - TOV: \$9.00 *Save \$3.21*

Wild Thing Jet Boat
Adult: \$28.17 - TOV: \$18.00 *Save \$10.17*
Child: \$12.21 - TOV: \$9.00 *Save \$3.21*

BigFoot Zipline Tours
Gate Price: \$81.99 - TOV: \$77.40 *Save \$4.59*

You Can Call Me "Tim" . . .

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My goal is to continue to foster the accomplishments that our Town has achieved in the past, such as keeping our tax burdens to reasonable levels as well as maintaining the effective and accomplished Fire Department. I also feel that with the housing market, we need to continue to ensure our town appeals to new and future residents but also continues to work for the people that already live here.

As we face these issues, I will also stand on the front lines of the challenges we face today and the confrontations of tomorrow. That with camaraderie as a community, we can overcome these obstacles we will face. Whether those issues range from environmental threats by neighboring urbanization to ensuring our officials have clear and transparent fiscal accountability.

With that, I extend the invitation to anyone that feels that they have an issue that would be of interest to myself and/or the Town Board, to feel free to contact me. Again, I would like to thank you for this opportunity and your continued support during my tenure.

Telemachos "Tim" Agoudemos
Town of Supervisor #3

File for Life: Critical Info in a Critical Situation



We have implemented the “File of Life” program available to all residents of the Town of Vernon. This program provides a means for our fire department personnel to obtain critical medical information about you or a member of your family if, for whatever reason, that information cannot be provided to us on our arrival to your emergency scene.

In order for a resident to participate in the program he or she must complete a “Vernon Fire Department - File of Life” form which can be picked up at Vernon Fire Station 1, located on Woodland drive on the Southwest corner of I-43 and 164 or download form from the Town of Vernon website. The completed form should then be attached to your main refrigerator door. We highly recommend this location as it is readily accessible to us and common in most homes.

As our personnel arrive at your residence we can immediately retrieve the information you have provided which will greatly assist us in evaluating you or your family member’s condition and allow us to provide necessary treatment in the fastest amount of time. A copy of the completed form, available for us to take along to the hospital, would also be helpful.

Excuse Me . . . Did You Drop Something?

Dog poop. It’s a serious health problem. Why? Because it contains disease-carrying bacteria that can make people sick. And because there are over 100,000 dogs in Waukesha County. Do the math. Then do this. Pick up after your pooch. Remind your neighbors to pick up after theirs. Good manners, great health policy.



**Your dog can’t help it.
But you can.**

“Only YOU can prevent wildfires.” ~ Smokey the Bear

From the Desk of Fire Chief Felde

As we head into spring we want to remind our citizens about our policy for burning, many residents opt to burn yard waste in the spring and we want our citizens to be safe as they do it. There are a couple of key points that we want you to consider if you choose to burn yard waste.

- Open burning is allowed in the Town of Vernon to assist residents with the removal of natural yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, and branches from their property.
- Such burning is allowed from sunrise to sunset when the wind speed is less than 9 mph. Burn piles should be no larger than 4’ by 4’, no more than 3’ in height, and must be no closer than 50’ to any building or other flammable items.
- A garden hose, hand tools, or other means to control the fire must be accessible and an adult over the age of 18 must be in attendance at all times while burning.
- The fire department must be contacted on the day of the burn at 662-2079 and provided with the address of the burn and the name and phone number of the person

responsible during the burn.

If any resident has specific questions or needs regarding burning in the Town they can call the fire house and we will be glad to help answer your questions. Members of our department have specialized training and equipment that we utilize for responding to Wildland fires.

As always, the department is looking for people in the community that want to join the department. If you are interested stop by or call the fire station to inquire about the possibilities of joining our organization and serving your community. Thank you for your continued support.



The fire department will be erecting signs at fire stations 1 and 2 to keep our residents informed about the current burning conditions exist in our community.

Your Fire Chief, Alex Felde

Building Inspector

Vince Budiac

Mon—Wed—Fri

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Office: 262-662-5355

Cell: 262-366-2400

Town Planner

Jamie Rybarczyk

By Appointment Only

262-662-2039

Town Assessor

Cal Magnan

Office: 262-542-3332



Weather Alerts

Tornado Watch:

Tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch:

Tells you when and where severe thunderstorms are likely to occur. Watch the sky and stay tuned to know when warnings are issued.

Tornado Warning:

A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Seek shelter immediately.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning:

Issued when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar.

Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm.

Kaishian Property . . .

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environmental corridor and the federal wetland. Their concerns with the land fill are in regards to any adverse impact on drinking water, ground water runoff, the wetlands that surround the property, the Class 1 trout stream adjacent to the land fill, and the effects on critical habitat areas within the federal wetlands.

The Vernon Town Board of Supervisors and the Town of Vernon Water Monitoring Committee have requested that the Kaishian landfill be brought into **full** compliance with the Storm Water Permit # WI-5067831-3, and to the terms of the Conditional Use Permit granted by the Village of Big Bend. They have also requested ground water monitoring and testing, not just for bacteria, but for contaminants as well. A request has also been made that additional monitoring wells be installed around the perimeter of the site to monitor the integrity of the groundwater.

The Vernon Town Board of Supervisors and the Town of Vernon Water Monitoring Committee along with residents in the Heather Ridge and Maple Hill Estates as well as members of the West Allis Kennel Training Club are working very hard to solicit residents' help/support in this matter. If you would like more information or would like to become more involved in these efforts, please contact any member of the Vernon Town Board or the Town of Vernon and we can provide more information to you. You can also find additional information on the Town of Vernon website at www.townofvernon.org.

"Emergency weather radios are like 'smoke alarms' for danger."

Mukwonago Area School District

The Town of Vernon is primarily serviced by the Mukwonago Area School District.

Mukwonago Area School District

385 County Road
NN East
Mukwonago, WI 53149

Phone: 262.363.6300

Fax: 262.363.6272

Hours:

Monday-Friday
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

www.masd.k12.wi.us

School Board Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month @ the District Office and aired on Channel 13.



Who is AWOL on Budgeting?

Once again the Town of Vernon Board has been able to maintain the \$2.01 tax rate we have held for the past several years.

Much credit needs to be given to our finance committee members as well—Tom Tomasik; Ed Hall; and Carl Fortner. These individuals do the preliminary work in the budget process. We thank them for their time and expertise.



Unfortunately, we still have those taxing entities out there who just don't get it: Mukwonago School Board; Waukesha County; and WCTC who gave us tax rate increases of 4.6%, 4.2%, and 3.3% respectively.

These people just don't want to face up to the reality that spending needs to be cut. Most households today are under financial duress and can't just go to the 'well' and pump more money. Cutting spending requires 'tough' decision-making and a lot of integrity.

The Town of Vernon Board is becoming more and more frugal with taxpayer dollars with no cut in services. We hope the other entities will start shouldering some of the responsibility by doing the same. It's easy to spend and pass the ball on to the next party—the TAXPAYER!!

Act 10, as a state mandate, made spending cuts easy but now we're back to relying upon our own money management responsibilities to balance budgets. Hopefully all of us will work together toward better management of our resources.

Bird's Eye View



I would like to take this opportunity to comment on a number of newsworthy subjects of current interest to the Town of Vernon.

A. Clerk's Office:

The proficiency and performance of duties has dramatically improved with the addition of new accounting software and a new auditing firm. We now have segregation of duties and checks and balances in place which the town so desperately needed, but which prior administrations failed to

achieve. It is my opinion, that the Clerk's Office is in need of remodeling to improve service to the residents. This will be brought to the Town Board for estimates and planning in the near future. Costs for improvements will be minimal, as all work will be done by in house employees.

B. Department of Public Works:

I personally would like to commend the Department of Public Works for the fantastic job they did to keep our streets and roads safe for all to travel this winter. Job well done!!

C. Ordinance Committee:

Ordinance Chapter 5 which clarifies and defines the powers of town officials is now a fact. Ordinance Chapter 23-4 Finance which deals with accounts payable is also in place. Together they will better protect the town's tax dollars.

D. Water Monitoring Committee:

The West Allis Kennel Club and residents from Heather Ridge and Maple Hills subdivisions have come to the Town Board and Water Monitoring Committee to seek a united effort to resolve problems with the Village of Big Bend's unsuccessful attempt to control water runoff from the Kaishian landfill site. Stay tuned for further updates.

E. Edgewood Road Project:

Previously, the Village of Big Bend billed the town for \$93,460.00 for the costs of this road work. As it now stands, in the middle of March, the town will assume no more than \$21,797.83. This figure may be reduced further because of legal fees perpetuated by the Village of Big Bend.

F. Rural Home Cemetery:

Although this is not a Town Board issue, I have been contacted by dozens of cemetery plot owners who live in the Town of Vernon about the circumstances that have occurred in this matter, and I feel I must comment to my constituents and the greater community at large. **You don't disturb the dead!** In short, the Village of Big Bend is trying to take the cemetery away from the cemetery association. The association has filed a lawsuit against the Village of Big Bend to stop this. It is an opinion of the plot holders that the Village of Big Bend may cross the river and use the cemetery's land for sewer district purposes. If true, this municipality's actions are shameful!

The comments and opinions stated in this issue of the Bird's Eye View are solely for the use and enjoyment of Town of Vernon residents only.

Thank you all,

Thomas Bird, Town of Vernon Chairman

Severe Weather & Other Emergencies

As we head into spring and summer, the possibility of severe weather increases. To prepare for severe weather or other emergencies consider doing one or all of the following:

Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio (available at local retailers). Visit the **National Weather Service** website for additional information on NOAA Weather Radios at www.nws.noaa.gov.

Sign up for weather alerts through www.mystateusa.com. These alerts are sent directly to your cell phone.

Visit **ReadyWisconsin** website at www.readywisconsin.wi.gov. This site serves as a one-stop shop for preparedness information and provides links to other relevant national, state and volunteer agencies.

Visit www.townofvernon.org. The Town of Vernon Public Health & Safety Committee Information/Education tab has links to all the sites mentioned. If you do not have access to the internet, stop in at the Vernon Town Hall and we would be happy to get you the information you need.





Town of Vernon

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Big Bend, WI 53103

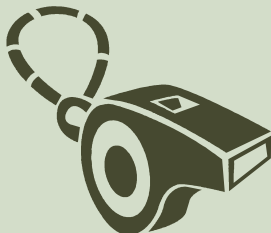
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Vernon Recreation Department

The **Vernon Rec Department's Office** is located at Vernon Town Hall Park in the little white house by the Park entrance.

**W249 S8910 Center Drive
Big Bend, WI. 53103
Phone (262) 470-5187**



If you cannot make our office hours, there is a drop box located on the front door for your convenience.

Welcome Andy Hoppe, New Park & Rec Director!

I would like to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Andy Hoppe. As of March 1st, I am Town of Vernon's new Parks and Recreation Director. My wife, Carrie, and our three children Danielle (10), Jayson (8), and Madison (6) are excited to embark on this new adventure. Together, we have plans to grow the program, not only with athletics, but other interests as well, for children and adults alike. We want to keep things close to home, affordable, but most of all FUN! We look forward to meeting each and every one of you at one of our upcoming events!

We welcome your suggestions and feedback. If you are looking to get more involved in your community, look to your Park & Rec Department for opportunity!

Andy Hoppe
Town of Vernon Park & Rec Director

