



Sevastopol Town Newsletter

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Open House on Comp Plan Update

Date: Tuesday, September 24th, 2019

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Sevastopol Town Hall

In 2018, the Town initiated the mandatory 10-year update on its Comprehensive Plan. What is a comprehensive plan? Adopted in 2008, it serves as a long-range tool and policy document intended to make Sevastopol a great place to live, work and play. The Town partnered with Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission on the update process. Bay-Lake RPC gives this snapshot of our community: A combination of agricultural lands, undeveloped natural areas, parks and rural residential neighborhoods.

As a result of the initial renewal public session held in August 2018 and after tallying survey responses, citizens provided feedback on key issues such as our natural environment, scenic beauty, community character and future vision goals.

This second Open House session scheduled for September 24th 2019 again invites community input on the strategies of our Town’s comprehensive plan update. The combined knowledge of town citizens, local officials and survey responses will assist in achieving the next 20-year vision for Sevastopol. Public engagement is vital to the planning process. Can’t make the Open House? Feel free to mail or email your comments to the Town office.

The Way We Were

Sevastopol held two planning meetings to prepare for the Comprehensive Plan, in 2006 and 2007. Both were videorecorded and preserved by Sevastopol TV and can be seen on YouTube.

To see the 2006 or 2007 meetings visit www.doorbell.net/video. Scroll down to find the show you want to watch.





Meet the New Supervisor

By Supervisor Mark Haen

Hi, I'm Mark Haen, 40 years old, born and raised in the Town of Sevastopol, and have lived in the town for 38 of those years. My wife, Kim, and I have enjoyed 10 years of marriage and have three children—two sons, Jack, age 9, and Drew, age 7, and a new daughter Riley born this April.

I work as an electrician for Stauber Electrical and have been there for over two years. Prior to that, I was a self-employed carpenter and worked side by side with my Dad, Tony Haen, for 20 years. When my Dad passed away in April, I was appointed by the Town Board to fill his Supervisor position and fill out his term.

I've been involved with the Town since graduation from Sevastopol in 1997, helping at the Town Park, serving on the Park and Rec Board for several years, and helping with operation of the Clark Lake Dam, as well.

I really enjoy being a dad and, with that, comes coaching both of my boys' baseball teams, teaching them how to hunt and fish and to respect the outdoors. I'm a very outdoorsy person, one of my biggest loves is hunting.

I'm glad to be able to help our Town continue to grow and be a great place to live and raise a family! I want to be able to represent our Town residents to the best of my abilities. Please feel free to contact me with any Town questions or concerns at (920) 333-0201.



Supervisor Mark Haen is sworn in by Clerk/Treasurer Amy Flok, joined by niece Ashley and mom Mariellen

Like Father, Like Son

By Chairman Dan Woelfel

The Town recently lost one of our Board members, Supervisor Tony Haen. Tony's area of expertise was the management of the Sevastopol town parks. Over the course of the last year or more, as Tony's health declined, his son Mark stepped up to the plate and voluntarily took on many of the tasks that Tony was no longer able to accomplish. Mark became the go-to guy for virtually all the park needs, from fixing equipment to picking up supplies to lining ballfields; he helped with it all. He also took over from his Dad as operator of the Clark Lake Dam, which is managed by the Town.

After Tony passed in April, the Town

decided to backfill his supervisory position, rather than leave it vacant. The position was advertised and three town residents expressed an interest. Fortunately for us, Mark Haen was very interested in backfilling Tony's chair; not an easy decision for him and his wife, Kim, who have two young sons and added a newborn baby girl on the very day of his Dad's passing. After successfully interviewing, Mark was appointed to fill out the remaining term.

Please join us in welcoming Mark Haen to the Town Board. As they say, "it's always good to have a Haen working for the town" ...there have been three different Haens over the past 15 years.



When Burning, Be Sure to Get a Permit

By Sturgeon Bay Fire Chief Tim Dietman

For many years residents in the Town of Sevastopol have been able to obtain burning permits either from the town office, elected officials or designated locations within the Town. Once a burn permit was obtained it was the responsibility of the permit holder to contact the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department and let us know when and where the burning would take place daily. Over the years Sturgeon Bay Fire Department have had some issues with items being burned and the size of the piles or locations of the burn pile(s) that have required time and resources to be tied up. While the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department does not charge for any service directly, many times our resources have been tied up for quite a while tending to a pile that was being burnt in an unsafe, illegal manor.

Recently we have had piles that were oversized, unattended, containing illegal items, and with no permits. In order to ensure the safety of the town,

residents and property the Town Board and Sturgeon Bay Fire Department feel it is in the best interest to have SBF D issue and control the burning permits within the Town of Sevastopol.

Open burning and burn barrels are 2 different topics. Burn barrel permits are still issued by the Town while open burning permits are issued by the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department.

Allowed: Brush, leaves, pine needles, grass, clean wood, unrecyclable paper, "unrecyclable cardboard", Recycling of clean paper and cardboard is required by law!

NOT allowed: Garbage, plastics, shingles, foam, structures, furniture, wire, metal, electronics, vinyl, rubber, or oil-based products, and painted, stained or treated wood.

Size: Keep your piles manageable and not large, you can always feed into a burning pile in order to maintain control.

Area: Keep your pile(s) far enough away from buildings or other potential fire hazards.

Supplies: Have a source of water and appropriate tools to maintain control of your burn.

How to obtain a permit

Once you have your pile(s) ready contact the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department at (920) 746-2916, press #1 to choose to speak to an on duty firefighter. Let them know you need to obtain a burning permit, if no one answers please leave your name and good contact number so we can call you back as soon as we get back in the station. The on-duty FF's will come and look at your burn pile(s) and issue you an electronic permit. The permit will be good for ONLY the DAY the permit is issued, unless you will be burning very early in the morning, when you can call the late afternoon prior.



Sturgeon Bay fire truck on display at George K. Pinney Park



Inspection Services Changed

By Building Inspector Brett Temme

With the short-notice exit of Safebuilt, Inc. as the Town's contracted building inspection provider, and after considering submissions from three local providers, Door County Inspections LLC was selected to provide building inspections services to Sevastopol. The new company, created and owned by Brett Temme, was formed shortly after Safebuilt terminated its inspection contracts with several Door County communities. Along with Brett, the inspection team also includes John Dwonch, Ken Knuth and Dave Szela, whose positive client interactions and professional services have been demonstrated for over 17 years in serving the Door County area. As Brett states, "we are a local company employing inspectors who call Door County their home, all with the experienced backgrounds to cover all residential and commercial building inspections. Our goal is to provide residential and commercial inspection services *only* to Door County communities, to better meet municipal needs and provide those services in a professional and timely manner."

Door County Inspections will continue to provide office hours at locations throughout the County, reducing contractor and homeowner travel time. Current office hours for general walk-in permitting are held at City Hall in Sturgeon Bay on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8-10 a.m., at the Town of Egg Harbor on Thursdays from 12-1 p.m. and at the Town of Liberty Grove on Thursdays from 8:30 -10 a.m. as well as by appointment or via email.

According to Brett, "we advocate for an educational approach to the inspection process to assist owners and contractors in understanding

State building code requirements. I hope you feel as we do, that Door County is a great place to live and work and we believe that professional commercial and residential inspections are an asset to our communities in enforcing minimum standards for public health and safety."

You can contact Brett at Door County Inspections LLC, (920) 495-1863 or email to brett@doorcountyinspections.com.

Congrats, Amy!

By Supervisor Linda Wait

Clerk/Treasurer Amy Flok has earned her full municipal clerk and treasurer certification, having completed over 100 hours of programming and education as of July 2019. Sponsored by UW-Green Bay,

the 3-year track offers classroom sessions, coaching and networking opportunities, all to help municipal clerks and treasurers do their job accurately and successfully. Thanks, Amy, for your commitment to the Town of Sevastopol.



Sevastopol Historical Society

By Supervisor Linda Wait

There's No Time Like the Present to Preserve the Past...

In its continuing efforts to preserve the heritage of our community and keep local history alive, the Sevastopol Historical Society invites the public to some upcoming programs.

On Monday evening, July 29, Don Rudolph presented the history of Door County cheese factories. At one time, 35 cheese factories plus 5 creameries were in full production in Door County. Don explained the evolution of dairy farming and the role of local cheese factories, accompanied by a slideshow of historic photos and timetables. Cheese samples were supplied courtesy of Door Artisan Cheese in Egg Harbor.

Don's cheese factory history presentation can be seen on YouTube. Go to www.doorbell.net/video to find it easily along with other Sevastopol-produced videos.

Join us Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m., as Mark and Mary Stephenson recount the history of their family farm, located just up the hill from the 42/57 split.

All programs are free, open to everyone, held at the Sevastopol town hall in Institute, and refreshments provided. Donations are always welcome to help support future presentations.

A few other programs are on the horizon, featuring family farm and local business histories and tales. New members are always welcome, or feel free to sit in on one of our planning sessions to see what we're all about. Contact Don Rudolph at (920) 493-5358 or Linda Wait at (920) 495-8129 for more information and if you might be interested in telling your story.



Christmas Party 2019

By Clerk/Treasurer Amy Flok

Date: Friday, December 6th, 2019

Time: 5 — 7:30 p.m.

Location: Sevastopol Town Hall

Mark your calendars for the Town of Sevastopol's 2nd Annual Christmas Party, **December 6th from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.** We received so much positive feedback from our first Christmas party, we decided to make it a tradition! There will be food, drinks, games, and fun for all ages! Plan on attending to start your Christmas season off in community fellowship.



Scenes from 2018 Christmas party



New Town Website

By Clerk-Treasurer Amy Flok

The Town of Sevastopol recently upgraded our website to make it more secure and user friendly. Our landing page now showcases drone footage of the town park, town hall, and surrounding areas. On the top of the page, you will find any important news and notices scrolling across it. If you scroll down on the landing page you will find a “hot link” directly to our agendas, minutes, and videos of town meetings. Contact information for all Board Supervisors are available under “Departments”. There is a “Contact Us” link which is live, so if you would like to get hold of us, please drop your comments there and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We welcome all residents of the community to subscribe to updates under the “Community” drop down; there you can choose what kinds of updates you would like sent to you. Go check out our website at www.townofsevastopol.com. We know you’ll like what you see!

Sevastopol TV Wins WCM Awards

By Program Director Laddie Chapman

Sevastopol TV was given 3 awards for video production at the 2019 Wisconsin Community Media Videofest this Spring. This year’s two-day convention was held at Wisconsin Dells.

Sevastopol’s *An Evening with Jens Jensen* was produced by Roger Kuhns and Laddie Chapman, winning an Achievement Award for Documentary/Feature. A Merit Award was given for a Christmas recording of the *Resident String Quartet*, and a Achievement Award for *Science is Fun! with Professor Shakashiri*, both produced by Laddie Chapman.

Wisconsin Community Media is an association of TV stations, video producers, and other local media sources and outlets in the state.

All of these video shows and more can be seen online at www.doorbell.net/video. Scroll down to find the show you want to watch.



Roger Kuhns portrays Jens Jensen in award-winning show



Sara Kellner talks about shoreline protection



Worth Mentioning — Information you can use

By Supervisor Linda Wait

Recycling Drop-Off



For those who take garbage and recyclables to Advanced Disposal, there is now a charge for recycling drop-off: 1 bag for \$2; 6 bags, \$10. The recyclables do not have to be in garbage bags; they can be placed into the recycle dumpsters.

Single bag of garbage is \$6.50. Advanced also accepts construction debris, old tires, electronics and batteries for a fee. Hours: Monday-Thursday 7 am – 4 pm; Friday 7 am – 3:45 pm. Located at 1509 Division Rd, Sturgeon Bay, (920) 473-2251.

Reduced Speed on County P



If you are heading into Institute from the west on County P and at the intersection of Country View Road, the speed limit has been reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph. The orange flags on the new speed limit signs help to alert drivers to the lower speed limit, which now coordinates with other roads in and around Institute.

Shoreline Erosion

Is your shoreline eroding due to high water and wave action? There are some things you can (and can't) do about it. Property owners can contact the Wisconsin DNR at (608) 267-3124 to obtain information about shoreline protection options and permit requirements. You can also contact Jeff Kussow at the Door County Land Use Services Dept., (920) 746-2222, for zoning and project information such as filling, grading, installation of stairs and vegetation trimming.

Sevastopol TV recorded a very informative presentation on this topic by Sara



Eroded beach at Sherman Bay due to high water

Kellner at the Whitefish Bay Association's Annual Meeting. Sara works for Miller Engineering, responsible for many shoreline protection installations. You can see this lecture at www.doorbell.net/video. Scroll down to find the show you want to watch.

Take Our Survey, Please!

By Supervisor Jim Nellen

Please take the internet survey and tell us if you have poor or nonexistent internet connection.

Many Sevastopol residents do not have home access to high speed internet (sometimes referred to as broadband) that the Wisconsin Public Service Commission defines as download speeds of at least 25 megabits per second ("Mbps") and upload speeds of at least 3 Mbps. In fact, there are residents who have no access at all to the internet or access that is sporadic so as not to be of use.

The purpose of this survey is to locate where in the Town there are internet service gaps and, for residents that do subscribe to an internet service (which is separate and distinct from cable TV service), how well does that service perform. It's vital, if we are to get a handle on the extent of the problem, for town residents to respond to the survey. **THE SURVEY IS AVAILABLE ONLINE. SIMPLY GO TO THE TOWN'S WEBSITE – TOWNOFSEVASTOPOL.COM – AND YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE SURVEY.** It is important for survey participants to note their address (which can be done by your internet browser).

The results of the survey will enable us to apply to the Wisconsin Broad Band Office for a broadband expansion grant and to approach existing internet providers to expand their service areas.

You can obtain a hard copy of the survey by calling the Town Clerk/Treasurer at (920) 746-1230 who will send you a copy. You can then complete it and mail it back or drop it off at the town hall, 4528 State Highway 57, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.

Thank you for participating in this important matter.



Town Meeting Schedule

All board and town meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall in Institute unless otherwise specified

Town Plan Review:	2020 Budget Work
Sept. 24, 6 p.m.	Session: October 14, 5:30 p.m.

Board of Supervisors:	
August 19	
September 16	Special & 2020 Budget
October 21	Town Meeting:
November 25	November 26, 6 p.m.
December 16	

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