

TOWN OF BAYVIEW NEWSLETTER

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Town Chair Notes—Don Jenicek

In 2024 we held the line and finished the year on budget. Everyone had to deal with property tax increases, however the Town of Bayview did not raise our mill rate. In 2025 we will continue road maintenance, mowing, ditch work, and gravel purchases. We are not planning any blacktop projects, just maintenance. We are planning some work and painting on the Town Hall. The picnic in August was fun and a great turn out. Hope to see everyone there this year!

Mark Your Calendars

- Town of Bayview Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 7 p.m.
- 2025 Dumpster Days: Saturdays, May 17, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and September 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Barksdale Town Hall—29025 E Ondossagon Rd, Ashland, across from the old Ondossagon School and next to the Barksdale Town Hall.
- Bayview Town Picnic: August 23, 2025, at Bayview Park, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Town Board meetings are the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted on the website. Meetings generally start at 6 p.m. in the winter and 7 p.m. in the summer. The Board encourages you to come to these meetings with any concerns or comments you have for the Board.

Short-Term Rentals

Any short-term renting (less than 30 days) of your house, rooms, or cabin are subject to room tax. The Town has a new Accommodations Tax Ordinance which can be found on our website—townofbayviewwi.gov— under Documents.

Before you can apply for a permit from the Town of Bayview, you will first need permits from the Bayfield County Health Department and Bayfield County Zoning Department. Information can be found on the Bayfield County website at bayfieldcounty.wi.gov.

All short-term-rental owners who have a current permit from the Town will be sent a letter this spring with updated information and pricing. Permits will need to be renewed annually beginning in June of this year; permits will be good from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

If you currently have a short-term rental unit or units in the Town of Bayview and you do not have a permit from the Town, you could be subject to a \$500 fine. Permit application forms are available from the Town Treasurer and will be posted on our website. The Quarterly Room Tax reporting form is available on our website.

Emergency Service Access

The Town of Bayview contracts with the City of Washburn for Fire and Ambulance Service. Remember, accessibility of your driveway for emergency vehicles is necessary.

Dog Licenses

State law requires all dogs to be licensed. Dog license and kennel license application forms are available on our website under Forms and Permits or can be obtained from the Town Treasurer, Kelly Warren—715-373-5567. You must have a valid rabies certificate for each dog. License dates are January through December of each year. Additionally, application forms were mailed with your taxes.

Elections

We will have two elections this year:

February 18: Spring Primary
April 1: Spring Election

You can find information about voting in the Town of Bayview on our website: townofbayviewwi.gov.

Wisconsin Voter Registration Applications and Wisconsin Applications for Absentee Ballots are available at myvote.wi.gov. If you have already registered to vote, you do not need to register again.

If you are requesting an absentee ballot be sent to you by mail, the deadline for your application to be received by the Clerk's office is the Thursday prior to the election—please allow up to 2 weeks for mailing times. Be sure to include a copy of your photo ID with your Application to Vote Absentee. There will be no late absentee ballots counted.

In-person absentee voting: You may request to vote curbside at Clerk's home during the two weeks in advance of each election by calling for an appointment 715-373-5931. There is no in-person absentee voting allowed on the day prior to any election.

News from the Bayview History Committee: Summer 2025 Happenings at the Houghton Depot

Open Houses at the Houghton Depot will be held on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. until noon, on the following dates:

June 28, July 12, July 19, August 2, and August 30.

The train set will be brought down at 11 a.m.

Homecoming is Saturday, July 26. The Bayview History Committee will have a table at this event.

Deedee Maki will be bringing the Friendly Valley 4-H Club to the Houghton Depot on June 9 for an orientation and training session. With this training, club members will be able to help at the Houghton Depot Open Houses.

The Bayview History Committee will be presenting three new adult education programs this summer at the Houghton Depot:

- **June 26:** Geology of the Bayview Area, by Mike Bunch and Michael Peyton
- **July 17:** Houghton Village, Finn Settlement, Native Americans, Interviews, and Graffiti, by Mary Gruhl and Ella Cross
- **August 21:** Impact of the Railroad on the Area, by Paul Johnson and Gina Emily

All programs will be on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. A break with light refreshments will be provided. There will be a \$5 fee for each presentation. The classes will be limited to 15 attendees and local area residents are encouraged to attend. Email contact is bayviewhistcom@hotmail.com. A return email will confirm a seat with payment directions.

Calcium Chloride

Once again, the town is offering road-dust control to residents. Cost to residents for a 500-foot section of calcium chloride applied on the town road in front of your home is \$125.00. Fill out the form below and send it to the Town Clerk prior to May 1, 2025. Payments must be made prior to receiving calcium chloride.

Calcium Chloride Order Form

Yes, I want 500 feet of calcium chloride spread on the Town road in front of my home. Enclosed is my payment of \$125.00.

Make your check payable to: TOWN OF BAYVIEW

And mail it to: Town of Bayview Clerk, PO Box 37, Washburn WI 54891.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MAY 1, 2025.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Town of Bayview
Kim Suske, Clerk
PO Box 37
Washburn WI 54891

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