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EXECUTIVE BOARD

PLANNING COMMISSION SEAT FILLED



The Village Board of Trustees unanimously voted on August 10, 2026, to appoint **Mark Murphy** to the Planning Commission to fill a mid-term vacancy. Originally from Dublin, Ireland, Mr. Murphy lived in Texas for 10 years prior to his recent move to North Bay. He earned a bachelor's degree in furniture production technology and offers over 25 years of experience spanning new construction, residential and commercial renovations, cabinet making, and the finishing trades. With extensive professional experience across Europe, Australia, Texas and Wisconsin, he brings a valuable global vantage point to the team. Additionally, his background as a

professional contractor offers deep practical insight into navigating municipal permitting. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the Planning Commission!

TWO (2) PURPLE MARTIN BIRDHOUSES FOR SALE

Attention backyard nature enthusiasts and bird lovers! Two (2) Purple Martin birdhouses are available for purchase. Each birdhouse is in good condition and ready to provide a home for our feathered friends. Feel free to acquire either one or both!! For more information, contact Clerk Panthofer by October 1, 2026 via email at clerk@vnbwi.gov or by phone at 262-639-2334.



Asking Price: \$25 per birdhouse, OBO

PROJECT UPDATE

- **NORTH BAY AWARDED CYBER SECURITY GRANT** | The Village of North Bay was awarded a \$5,650 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant (SLCGP) to fund cybersecurity enhancements. In response, the Village Board authorized proposals from VC3—North Bay's IT service provider—to install an enterprise firewall, execute a complete tenant-to-tenant migration from Google Workspace to Microsoft 365 GCC, and enforce Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) via Conditional Access policies. VC3 will oversee the implementation of these updated security protocols.

ORDINANCE FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS & WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS

The Village Board of Trustees approved Ordinance No. 2026-3, creating Sections 8.14-5 and 8.14-6 of the Village Code to regulate Solar Energy Systems and Wind Energy Systems. Effective August 25, 2026, the ordinance establishes guidelines for system review, safety, setbacks, and permitting through the Village Building and Electrical Inspectors. For full details

and permit information, visit the [Village Website](#).

CONSTABLE | *Tom La Fave*

POLICE DEPARTMENT - IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

The Wind Point Police Department (WPPD), in partnership with the Racine County Sheriff's Department, provides professional police services to North Bay. WPPD strongly encourages residents to practice the principle of reporting any suspicious activity—verifying safety is always preferable to remaining silent. The WPPD team is readily available to support you and welcomes your calls.

Contact Information & Reporting Safety Concerns

- **Emergencies: Call 9-1-1**
- **Racine County Dispatch (Immediate, Non-Life-Threatening Response):**
[262-886-2300](tel:262-886-2300)
- **Wind Point Police Office (Non-Immediate Routine Inquiries):** [262-639-3022](tel:262-639-3022). Call for ordinance violations, found items, vacation check requests, or to speak with an officer (please leave a voicemail if unattended).
- **Email Contact:** police@windpoint.org

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS FROM CHIEF SHARRETT

Safety Reminders: Never Pass a Stopped School Bus! With the new school year underway, please exercise extra caution around school buses, student cyclists, parents dropping off children, and cross-country runners training on public streets. The National Safety Council provides the following essential safety guidelines. Taking basic safety precautions will help safeguard our community and prevent accidents.

Pedestrian Safety:

- Always use sidewalks when available; if there are no sidewalks, walk on the side of the road facing oncoming traffic.
- Stop before entering the street and check for incoming vehicles by looking left, right, and left once more.
- Cross streets strictly at designated intersections and establish direct eye contact with drivers prior to stepping into the road.

Bicycle Safety:

- Ensure you and your children always wear properly fitted bicycle helmets.
- Ride single-file on the right side of the roadway, moving in the same direction as traffic.
- Halt completely at street crossings and dismount to walk your bicycle across.

School Bus Safety:

- Accompany children to the bus stop to guide them on safe boarding and exiting procedures.
- Instruct children to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet (three large steps) from the curb or roadway.

- If crossing in front of a bus is necessary, children should walk along the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the vehicle, maintaining clear mutual visibility with the driver at all times.

Driver Safety:

- Strictly adhere to speed limits in school zones and follow designated drop-off protocols.
- Make eye contact with young pedestrians who are waiting to cross the street.
- Do not pass a school bus while it is actively loading or unloading passengers.
- Remain stopped far enough back to keep the 10-foot area around the bus clear, as this zone poses the highest risk for students entering or exiting.

TREASURER | Robert E. O'Brien

2027 BUDGETING | Ongoing efforts continue for the 2027 fiscal year budget. In order to adhere strictly to state statutory budget guidelines, the upcoming November and December meeting dates have been adjusted to earlier times. The preliminary review of the 2027 Village of North Bay Budget is scheduled for the Executive Board Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2026, beginning at 7 PM. The Public Hearing of the 2027 Village of North Bay Budget will take place on Monday, November 30, 2026, at 7 PM.

PUBLIC WORKS | Paul Schroeder

FINAL RACINE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION | North Bay partners with the City of Racine to properly dispose of hazardous waste. Please mark your calendar for the final collection of this year on Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 8 AM to 1 PM at 6200 21st Street in Racine. Be sure to bring your photo ID that includes your address. For more details, view the [City of Racine household hazardous waste flyer](#).

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

- **Private Drives:** Johns Disposal provides bagged leaf collection for private drives during standard yard waste pickup days.
Please note that the final yard waste pickup of the season is scheduled on Monday, November 23, 2026.
- **Public Roads:** Starting Monday, October 19, 2026, curbside leaf collection will begin and continue through mid-November or until the first measurable snowfall. Four Season Lawncare & Landscaping, LLC holds the contract to provide leaf collection and snow removal on public roads.
 - Rake leaves to the curb edge prior to 7:00 AM on Mondays.
 - Leave a 6-inch gap between the leaf pile and the curb to allow unobstructed rainwater drainage.
 - **DO NOT mix leaves with other yard materials, such as branches, hostas, lawn clippings, or other vegetation. Co-mingled piles WILL NOT be collected, and property owners will have to bag them for standard yard waste pickup dates.**



VILLAGE HALL | Clerk Dori A. Panthofer

GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Polling Site: Village Hall (3615 Hennepin Place) - Voting Hours: 7AM - 8PM

For more information about elections in North Bay, visit the [How do I Find Voting Information](#) page on the Village website. The URL is <https://www.vnbwi.gov/how-do-i/find-voting-information>

CONTACT INFO

Member listings of the Executive Board, Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, Building/Fence/HVAC Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Village Assessor and Service Providers can be found on the Village website. [Click here](#) for the contact us page. The URL is: <https://www.vnbwi.gov/how-do-i/contact-us>

VILLAGE MEETINGS

Scheduled village meetings are listed in the table below. Meetings for the Board of Appeals and Stand Up Meetings are convened on an as-needed basis with advance public notice. Meetings are held at Village Hall (3615 Hennepin Place) and are open to the public.

Meeting announcements are published on the [News and Announcements](#) section (www.vnbwi.gov/news-announcements/), while meeting agendas are posted to the Agendas & Minutes page (<https://www.vnbwi.gov/government/village-meetings/agendas-minutes>) and displayed on the Village Hall physical bulletin board a minimum of 24 hours prior to each meeting. Scheduled dates and times remain subject to change with standard advance notice.

Public comments must be delivered in person and orally. Additional details can be found on the [Village Meetings](#) page(<https://www.vnbwi.gov/government/village-meetings>) of the village website.

UPCOMING VILLAGE MEETINGS

Monday, October 12th, 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - Executive Board Meeting
Monday, October 26th, 2026 <i>November meeting moved up.</i>	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - Executive Board Meeting
Monday, November 30th, 2026 <i>December meeting moved up.</i>	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - 2027 Budget Hearing 7:05 PM - Executive Board Meeting