

VILLAGE VIEW

THE VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER
WINTER 2023

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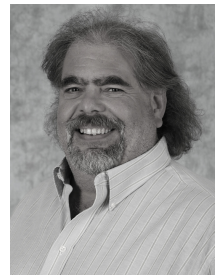
Changes and the Changemakers

A Message from Village President Chris Voll



Above: Village President Chris Voll, Trustee Sean Dumais, Trustee Alex Vedvik, Trustee Kelly Coyle, Village personnel and representatives from Ellis Construction and Becher Hoppe break ground on the Kronenwetter Water Filtration Facility on September 5, 2023.

Since it's inception, Kronenwetter has relied on people with vision, ambition and gumption to grow and flourish. From Sebastian Kronenwetter, George Hirsch and Emil Wasniewski, current residents have benefited from the time and work of others. Our most recent growth has seen the creation and dedication of a mural for all to enjoy, the groundbreaking of our new water treatment facility and more.



I do hope you have taken the time to visit the mural that was created by artist Jessica Kopecky with the historical background gathered by Emil Wasniewski. Emil, and his late wife Diane, were instrumental in the enhancement of the lives of so many in Kronenwetter by their amazing dedication to the Kronenwetter Lions Club. From Halloween parties at the Village Hall to food booths and fundraising, Emil and Diane helped lead a significant contribution and the July dedication of the mural is the defining moment in their work. Emil was able to attend as we dedicated the mural on July 13. It is at the corner of Kowalski Road and Old Highway 51. This mural chronicles the history of our village by showing the ways it grew and changed. I urge you to visit the mural. We are hoping to create additional history and educational opportunities utilizing the mural project in the years to come.

Another opportunity to grow and add to our history while making life better for citizens was the groundbreaking of the new water treatment plant on Lea Road. Manganese and iron in our water supply have been an enemy of residents in varying degrees for years as the minerals leave orange residue. Also a health hazard in large amounts, this new filtration system will use a green sand filter to remove iron and manganese. We are looking forward to the benefits of this system when it is up and running by September of 2024. Also be assured that the board is taking the PFAS issue seriously and will continue monitoring our water and plan for the future to keep our water healthy and safe.

And you might ask, who is George Hirsch? My father-in-law! He moved his family to Kronenwetter during the early 1970s when there were open fields where wild strawberries and wild roses would grow. A teacher in the Wausau School District, he was part of the first Parks Committee and gave his time to help create the baseball diamond at Buska Park. He tells the story of driving a tractor with an old metal bed frame around and around, as it billowed clouds of dust, to level the ground. George is just one of so many throughout the history of our village who gave in small ways that accumulated into the prosperous village we enjoy today with parks, good roads and wonderful housing.

As we continue looking forward, we know the number of residents will climb. In fact, we had 112 building permits this year. Water will remain an issue, as will keeping our village taxes affordable while we maintain our good standard of living.

The Board members, staff, and our families wish you all a happy and safe holiday season and a great 2024. We are certain good things will continue for our Village and urge you to take part in some way. Run for a board post, join a committee or volunteer in some way. Help make Kronenwetter a good place now and for the future.

Kind regards,

Chris Voll, Kronenwetter Village President



Help shape the future of the Village, run for office



Three Village Board trustee positions will be on the 2024 Spring Election Ballot. Now is the time for YOU to put your hat in the ring.

The board is composed of six trustees and one president. The trustees serve for two-years. Their role includes attending bi-monthly Village Board meetings, committee meetings and helping to make decisions that will impact the Village's growth and development.

If you would like to run for office, a **Candidate Packet** must be completed and turned into Village Clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. This packet contains all the necessary forms and instructions, including nomination

papers used for collecting signatures. You must collect at least 20 signatures. The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2023.

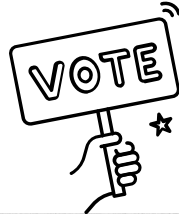
The Candidate Packet can be picked up at the Municipal Center or downloaded by using the **QR code**:



If you have any questions about running for office, please contact Village Clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge at 715-692-1728 or bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org.

Which trustee positions are open?

- Village Trustee – currently held by Ken Charneski
- Village Trustee – currently held by Tim Shaw
- Village Trustee – currently held by Sean Dumais



2024 Election Dates

- February 20, 2024 - Spring Primary (if required)
- April 2, 2024 - Spring Election
- August 13, 2024 - Partisan Primary
- November 5, 2024 - General Election

Don't wait until the last minute to register to vote!

Make sure you're registered to vote in all of the 2024 elections, including the presidential race in November.

WHERE CAN YOU REGISTER TO VOTE?

IN-PERSON: Register to vote in-person at the Municipal Center at 1582 Kronenwetter Drive Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

You are able to register in-person during both the **"late" and "open" registration periods**. The "late" registration period is defined as the 19 days preceding an election. The "open" registration period is all other days not during the late registration period.

ONLINE: Visit the My Vote WI website at www.myvote.gov/en-us/ to register online. In order to use this site, the address that you are registering under must match the WI DMV (driver's license) records. You can only use this feature during the "open" registration period.

MAIL: Download, print and complete a Voter Registration application from the WI Elections Commission website at www.elections.wi.gov. Send the completed form along with a copy of your proof of residence documentation.

WHAT'S REQUIRED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

In order to register to vote you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be at least 18 years old on or before Election Day.
- Have resided at the address provided on the application for at least 28 consecutive days prior to the election and do not currently have intentions to move.
- Not be currently serving a sentence including incarceration, parole, probation or extended supervision for a felony conviction.

You must also provide proof of residence. This can include an unexpired WI driver license or instructional permit; state of WI ID card; utility bill (gas, electric, phone, cell phone, cable TV, satellite, internet, garbage); bank or credit union statement; and more.

Use the QR code to find the complete list:

<https://myvote.wi.gov/>



The WI Department of Motor Vehicles offers a free ID card for voting. Use the QR code to find more information:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/id-card.aspx>



The Village property tax rate lower for 2023 property taxes

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER 2023 PROPERTY TAX RATE

| Tax Year | Assessed Value | Tax Levy | Tax Rate | Change from 2022 | Village Tax on a \$150,000 property |
|----------|----------------|-------------|----------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2022 | \$793,032,500 | \$2,531,020 | \$3.4248 | | \$513.72 |
| 2023 | \$745,956,900 | \$2,476,973 | \$3.3205 | -3.14% | \$498.08 |

This does NOT include other taxing jurisdictions (Mosinee and DC Everest School Districts; Northcentral Technical College, or Marathon County). The Village receives roughly 20% of your total property taxes.

Property tax payments are due Jan. 31, 2024. If you are paying in installments, the first installment is due to the Village by Jan. 31, 2024. **The second installment is due to the Marathon County Treasurer by July 31, 2024. After Jan. 31, 2024 the Village CANNOT accept your tax payments.**

Pay your taxes:

- **In-person** at the Village Municipal Center, Incredible Bank, or Valley Communities Credit Union (Cash, check, or credit/debit card)
- **Online** at the Village of Kronenwetter's website (<https://www.kronenwetter.org>) (credit/debit card) **A processing 2.95% fee is charged.**
- **Mail** your payment to the Village of Kronenwetter Municipal Center

Locations that will accept your payments:

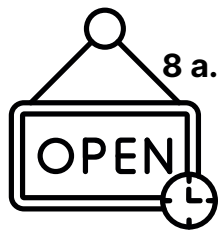
- **Village Municipal Center**
1582 Kronenwetter Drive
Kronenwetter, WI
SEE NEW TAX HOURS ABOVE
- **Incredible Bank - Rothschild**
1130 E. Grand Avenue
Rothschild, WI
Lobby: M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Drive-up: M-F 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Valley Communities Credit Union**
2290 County Road X
Kronenwetter, WI
M-TH 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
F 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.



TAX PAYMENT REMINDERS

- Use BLACK INK when writing your payment checks.
- If you pay with cash, we can only break \$20 bills or lower, so please bring as close to the exact amount as you can. Thank you.
- The Village CANNOT accept any tax payments after Jan. 31, 2024

NEW MUNICIPAL CENTER HOURS FOR ACCEPTING TAX PAYMENTS



8 a.m. to 4 p.m. M - F, Dec. 14, 2023 - Jan. 31, 2024

EXCEPTIONS:

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 28, 29, Jan. 31

CLOSING EARLY TO PROCESS TAXES

OPEN EARLIER,
CLOSING LATER

Not happy with your 2023 property tax bill? Here's how to dispute it.

1) Set up an appointment to discuss your concerns with an assessor during the Open Book period. The Open Book period has not been set yet. These appointments will occur over the phone.

In order to set up an appointment call 920-749-1995 or email info.apraz@gmail.com. When leaving a message, provide your name, phone number, the municipality in which the property is located and the parcel number from your assessment notice or tax bill.

2) If you don't agree with the decision made after the Open Book period, you can attend the Board of Review meeting at the Kronenwetter Municipal Center. The Board of Review meeting has not been set yet. If you wish to file an objection and appeal to the Board of Review, you can download packet materials at the Village website.

3) You must submit the paperwork from the packet to Village Clerk Bobbi Jo Birk-LaBarge and schedule an appointment for the Board of Review by 4 p.m. on the Monday before the Board of Review meeting. You must talk to an assessor during the Open Book period BEFORE appealing to the Board of Review.

During the Board of Review the property owner can challenge the assessor's decision. The Board of Review is a more formal review conducted by a municipal board which includes members of the Village Board.

If you want to be notified as soon as the Open Book period and Board of Review are scheduled, email Jennifer Poyer at jpoyer@kronenwetter.org to get on the notification list.



Peter Kampfer returns home to administer the Village



After years spent in the southwest United States, Peter Kampfer is returning home to Wisconsin to help lead the Village of Kronenwetter.

"I enjoy all four seasons of Wisconsin," said Kampfer. "Not a knock-on Texas, but I prefer 32 degrees in winter versus 109 degrees in summer."

Kampfer grew up on a farm west of Wausau. He said he enjoyed planting in the spring, bailing hay in the summer and harvesting in the fall.

"In between planting and harvesting, we hiked, fished, canoed and rode bikes everywhere," said Kampfer. "I learned how to snow ski on Rib Mountain when there were only two lifts and three slopes."

Kampfer was offered the job of village administrator by the Village Board on September 12, 2023. He quickly accepted the position.

"My relocation to Kronenwetter is not motivated by the village administrator position alone but, instead, a preplanned move into the community with a genuine interest in a successful community and region," he said.

Kampfer brings 34 years of management and business experience to the Village, including administration experience in five municipalities. Most recently, he was the general manager of the Johnson County Special Utility District in Texas. He also owned and operated a commercial printing business for 14 years and served as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Kampfer says he is looking forward to building a team that will benefit both the employees and public.

"To build trust, which is critical to a good positive working relationship between the administrator, staff, and the board," said Kampfer. "Providing factual and a political data with viable options is critical in this solid stable and enduring relationship. All endeavors from the administrator are directly responsible for serving the needs of the public through Village Board guidance. Optimization of this relationship warrants solid communications that establish Village priorities and are conducive to public debate."

Kampfer plans to start in mid-December. He will settle in the Kronenwetter area with his wife, Joan. They have four adult children and nine grandchildren.

Make room the for the Village snow plows this winter



The Village of Kronenwetter's snow plows are ready for winter! During a snow event, please remember to drive with caution and give snowplows plenty of room. The Public Works crew are watching the streets for you, and deployment will be made as needed according to developing conditions.

The Village of Kronenwetter is NOT responsible for plowing county or state highways.

NO STREET PARKING from Nov. 1 to May 1 between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Keep the streets clear for our snowplows.

Violations can result in a parking citation, and if the situation dictates the vehicle may be towed at the owner's expense.

You can request permission to park overnight by calling the Marathon County Sheriff's Department non-emergency number at 715-261-1200. Permission will not be granted if snow is forecasted. In the event permission was granted but an unexpected snowfall occurs, you will be contacted and asked to move your vehicle.

It is up to residents to clear the snow from the area adjacent to their mailbox. If you think your mailbox was damaged by one of our plows, please contact the Village at 715-693-4200, so we can investigate the issue.

If you have a fire hydrant near your home, please consider shoveling any snow accumulations around it.



You're Invited - 2024 Community Events

Mark your calendar to join us!



SNOWMAN MAKING CONTEST- Calling all snow sculptors (ages 0-18)! Take advantage of our snowy days and show off your rolling, shaping and chiseling skills by building a backyard snowman. The fun starts on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2024 and ends Wednesday, Mar. 1, 2024. Submit a photo of your snow creation to jpoyer@kronenwetter.org. Then VOTE for your favorite on the Village website. Winners will be announced in March and will win a prize.

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BULK ITEM DROP-OFF - Bring those "bulky" items that don't quite fit in your trash bin to Towering Pines Park at 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Apr. 25 - 26 and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Apr. 27, 2024 and the Village and Harter's will do the rest. **This event is open to VOK residents only.**

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- furniture
- scrap lumber
- scrap metal
- landscape timbers
- ranges/ovens
- dishwashers
- carpeting
- mattresses
- glass windows
- toilets
- hot water heaters
- treadmills
- washers & dryers
- humidifiers
- grills (gas & charcoal)
- lawnmowers (no gas & oil)
- snowblowers (no gas & oil)
- concrete items (no steel)

More info on page 10



BIKE AND WALK FOR THE HEALTH OF IT - Celebrate National Bike Month with the Village on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at Towering Pines Park. Walk or bike one of three courses. Food trucks, prizes and FREE raffles! Leashed dogs welcome!

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PAW HEALTH NETWORK, INC.



FARMERS MARKET- Spend your Sundays in the summer strolling the aisles of Kronenwetter's 13th Annual Farmers Market. The market runs every Sunday starting June 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Oct. 20, 2024 at Buska Park. The park is located at 2390 Terrebonne Drive. The market features area musicians and multiple booths filled with a myriad of vegetables, fresh fruits, lemonade, delectable desserts, fresh-cut flowers, honey, eggs, lotions, soaps, salsas, clothing, shaved ice and so much more! Residents can host a booth all summer long for \$20!



MOVIES UNDER THE STARS - Join the community for a movie night! Back by popular demand, the Village will host **FOUR** movies at three different parks. Movies begin at dusk. Bring a chair, blanket, snacks and bug spray!

1 Friday, June 21, 2024 - Towering Pines Park **Sponsored by:**



2 Friday, July 26, 2024 - Buska Park **Sponsored by:** On



3 Friday, Aug. 23, 2024 - Friendship Park **Sponsored by:**



NEW

4 **NEW! DATE NIGHT** - Friday, Sep. 6, 2024 - Towering Pines Park

As soon as the movies are chosen, they will be posted on the Village website!



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE WEEKEND - Save all your "treasures" from spring cleaning and sell them during the weekend of June 21-23, 2024. Those interested in hosting a sale are encouraged to submit an application to the Village one week prior to the event to be included on the Garage Sale Map.

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You're Invited - 2024 Community Events

Mark your calendar to join us!



NEW! SPECTACULAR GARDENS SHOWCASE- Show off your gorgeous garden! Nominate your garden by July 1, 2024 by emailing [jpoyer@kronenwetter.org](mailto:jpayer@kronenwetter.org). Village staff will capture photos of your garden site. Photos will be displayed online using the Village website and social media pages. Residents will be invited to vote for their favorites by using an online survey. Winning gardeners will receive prizes!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - For the fourth year, the Village will join over 100 Wisconsin municipalities in hosting a National Night Out event on Aug. 6, 2024 at 6 p.m. Residents can climb aboard vehicles and meet personnel from Kronenwetter Police Department; Kronenwetter Fire Department; Kronenwetter Public Works Department; Marathon County SWAT; and more. Enjoy food trucks and FREE raffles.

Sponsored by:



NEW! SPOOK THE YARD - Fashion your house with pumpkins, skeletons and witches to win this Halloween decor contest! Submit a photo of your macabre home to [jpoyer@kronenwetter.org](mailto:jpayer@kronenwetter.org) by Oct. 17, 2024. A digital map of all the submitted homes' addresses is created and provided online. (Printed copies are available at the Municipal Center.) Homes are judged by residents using an online survey. Prizes go to the winning homeowners.

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TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS - The Village of Kronenwetter has set the time to trick-or-treat in the Village to , Thursday, Oct. 31, 2023 from 4- 7 p.m. Be on the lookout for the Kronenwetter Fire and Police Departments! They will be handing out candy around the Village.



DECK THE YARD- Brave the cold, hang your lights and display your favorite Christmas characters. The Village is looking for the "best arrayed" homes and yards. Participants must submit a photo or video of their decorated yard to [jpoyer@kronenwetter.org](mailto:jpayer@kronenwetter.org) by Dec. 12, 2024. A digital map of all the submitted homes' addresses is created and provided online. (Printed copies are available at the Municipal Center.) Homes are judged by residents using an online survey. Prizes go to the winning homeowners.

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Help sponsor a community event!

Show the residents of Kronenwetter you support their hometown! In return they will support you! Add your business to one of our 2024 Community Events. Our community events attract residents from around the area and continue to grow each year.

Sponsorship means free advertising on our social media sites, website and printed marketing materials; developing name recognition and awareness; establishing goodwill within the community and among the residents; converting residents into customers or supporters; and of course, building your brand.

For more information contact Jennifer Poyer at 715-693-4200 ext. 1722 or [jpoyer@kronenwetter.org](mailto:jpayer@kronenwetter.org).

Are you subscribed to our Village e-newsletter?

Have you subscribed to the Village's monthly e-newsletter? It's the best way to receive news, announcements and information about the Village. Use the QR code to subscribe. Just open your camera and point it at the QR code. Make sure to hold your phone steady so your camera can recognize it! Once it does, a notification will show up that links you to the correct website. Click on the link.



Kronenwetter Water Filtration Facility construction on schedule

Kronenwetter residents will enjoy cleaner water in 2024 when a new water filtration facility reaches completion. On Sept. 5, 2023 a groundbreaking ceremony was held to mark this pivotal milestone for the Village.

"We have been planning this for a long time. We are glad to see it come to fruition," said Village of Kronenwetter President Chris Voll. "We know the upgrades will improve water for years to come."

The facility is the third phase in a four-phase plan to improve water quality for residents. It will be attached to Well No. 2. The water in this well has high levels of manganese and iron. The new facility will filter these elements from the water. Although manganese and iron levels remain below the accepted Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard, elevated levels may cause brown or black staining in fixtures, stained clothing and taste and/or odor concerns.

Construction on the facility is on schedule. The roof and siding was added in November. Work will halt for the winter and pick up again in June 2024.

"We are anticipating this filtration facility will solve a lot of residents' complaints and frustrations," said Kronenwetter Water Utility Lead Water Operator Mark Mackey.

The new filtration facility comes on the heels of previous efforts for improved water including phase one, which blended water from Well No. 1 and Well No. 2 in order to lower the manganese and iron levels. This action started in March 2021 and will continue until the filtration facility is complete.

The second phase called for constructing a water metering station and purchasing treated water from the Village of Rothschild. This phase was put on hold when Rothschild's water tested high for PFAS in February 2022. The metering station construction was completed, but Rothschild's water was not purchased.

Completion of the filtration plant is scheduled for September 2024. Ellis Stone Construction Company, Inc. is the contractor. The total project cost is estimated at \$3.5 million.



Sept. 5, 2023 - After the groundbreaking ceremony, Ellis Stone went to work digging the foundation. The facility is attached to Well No. 2, which can be seen in the photo.



Nov. 17, 2023 - Work on insulation and FRP panels is scheduled until the end of November.

Rent the Village's athletic fields, park shelters or Community Room for your next event

To make a reservation:

- Check the online calendar on the Village's website at www.kronenwetter.org.
- Complete the proper Rental Agreement form (available online or at the Municipal Center). Submit the Rental Agreement by mail, email (jpayer@kronenwetter.org) or drop off at the Municipal Center.
- Make applicable fee payment. Cash, check, or credit/debit cards are accepted.
- Fees, Rental Agreement, and open date confirmation must be made before any date is reserved.
- Reservations are accepted up to one year in advance.
- All reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fees:

Community Room

Rental Fee: Resident \$100/Non-Resident-\$150

Security Deposit:\$200

Athletic Fields

Municipal Fields, Buska Field or Towering Pines Field

\$20 per day - Security Deposit: \$50

Tournament Fee: \$200



Park Shelters:

Norm Plaza, Gooding, Municipal Center

Rental Fee: Resident - \$40/Non-Resident -\$60

Security Deposit: \$50

Buska, Friendship

Rental Fee: Resident - \$50/Non-Resident - \$70

Security Deposit: \$50



Loose dogs and cats NOT allowed in the Village

Both cat and dog ownership are covered under the Chapter 200 in the Village's General Code of Ordinances.

Section 200-8 states "it is unlawful for any person in the Village to own, harbor or keep any dog or cat which....B.Is at large within the limits of the Village."

This section was amended on May 29, 2012 to define "at large" as an animal "off the premises of the owner and not under the control of some person by leash."

This means both dogs AND cats in the Village of Kronenwetter MUST be on a leash whenever they leave the owner's property. The owner must also keep the animal from leaving their property and going onto someone else's property.



"I know owners love their pets and rightfully so, but please remember that not everyone loves your pet as much as you do, so please be courteous and respectful to your fellow neighbors by following these rules," said Police Chief Terry McHugh. "Officers are paying extra attention while on patrol and citations start at almost \$100 and increase per violation."

It is the owner's responsibility to always have their pet under direct control. This includes anytime you take your dog or cat for a walk off your property, including when you're riding a bicycle and your dog or cat is with you. This does not include when you are using the dog park at Friendship Park. The law lists this as an exemption as long as the dog is "under the command of their owner."

Also, it is the pet owner's responsibility to pick up after their pet and dispose of waste properly. Please don't leave a mess for someone else to clean up.



Read the **Chapter 200** in the Village's General Code of Ordinances using the **QR code** or on the Village website.

License your dog for 2024 - It's required!



The Village requires all dogs six months and older to be licensed each year. Dog licenses are issued on a calendar year, meaning they expire on Dec. 31 of the licensing year. **Licenses may be purchased by mail, online and in-person at the Municipal Center.** Many residents license their dog at the same time they pay property taxes. **DO NOT ADD YOUR DOG LICENSE FEE TO YOUR PROPERTY TAX CHECK.** Please write a separate check for your dog license.

To license your pet, you will need: 1) Current rabies vaccination certificate, 2) Proof of neutering if applicable and 3) Dog license fee.

There is no cost for licensing a service dog in the Village, but this registration must be done in-person at the Municipal Center.



Why license your dog?

- It's the law.
- Increases the likelihood of your pet returning home if lost.
- Enables prompt medical attention.
- Ensures vaccination against rabies.
- Helps other animals.

(Your license payment goes towards feeding and sheltering lost dogs and cats in Marathon County)

| FEE | IN PERSON/MAIL | ONLINE |
|--|----------------|---------|
| Unaltered Adult Dog (6 months and older) | \$12.00 | \$14.50 |
| Neutered/Spayed Adult Dog (6 months and older) | \$7.00 | \$9.50 |
| Service Dog (must register in-person) | \$0 | N/A |



Village highlights from 2023 - In case you missed it!



Residents “push in” new ladder truck

Hundreds of residents turned out to “push in” Ladder Truck 1, Kronenwetter Fire Department’s newest acquisition, at the Push-In Ceremony on Monday, May 1, 2023.

“What an exciting day it is for all of us,” said Fire Chief Theresa O’Brien during the ceremony. “It’s not every day that a fire department gets a new vehicle, especially an aerial truck.”

Community members were invited to throw buckets of water on the new truck, wipe it dry and then push it into its new bay.

Ladder Truck 1 joined the Kronenwetter fleet back in January. The \$1.3 million purchase was approved by the Village Board last year using \$400 thousand in American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) funds and \$200 thousand from the equipment fund. The remaining \$700 thousand is being financed.

The Pierce Mfg 110’ Ascendant Aerial Platform provides a 110’ vertical reach, 90’ horizontal reach and a 500-gallon water tank.

Two new police officers join the Police Department

The Kronenwetter Police Department made history when Mariah Guyer was sworn in as their first full-time female police officer on Mar. 24, 2023. Guyer graduated from the police academy at Mid-State Technical College in May 2023.

Corey Baron was sworn in as a full-time Kronenwetter police officer on June 1, 2023.

The Stevens Point native just graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with degrees in sociology and criminal justice.

Baron said he has wanted to be a police officer since he was 8-years-old.

“When I was young there was a police officer role model and I wanted to be like that, where I could help people out of a crisis,” he said.



Steve Toboyek retires after 52 years of service

On Monday, July 10, 2023, Village President Chris Voll and Fire Chief Theresa O’Brien presented Fire Captain Steve Toboyek with an award recognizing his 52 years of service to Kronenwetter. Toboyek has served on the Kronenwetter Fire Department since its beginning in 1971. With over half a century of experience, he decided to finally hang up his fire helmet for good.

“I just figured it was time,” said Toboyek. “It’s been a long run. It doesn’t seem that long though.”

The audience was filled with fellow firefighters that Toboyek has both served with and inspired.

“Steve has touched many lives both on the fire department and in the community,” said Fire Chief Theresa O’Brien. “He has been a teacher and a brother to many and can tell many stories about his years on the department. To listen to his stories is truly amazing.”



Ribbon-cutting to recognizes Wasniewski's effort to illuminate Village history



Emil Wasniewski cut the ribbon recognizing his valiant effort to install the mural, Kronenwetter: Journey Through Progress, on the 120-foot fence at the corner of Kowalski Road and Old Hwy. 51.

Wasniewski set out on a venture that had never been accomplished in Kronenwetter. He was met with many challenges including funding, approval from the Village Board and finding an artist, but he never gave up.

"I guess I'm a bull-headed Polack when I put my mind to something," he said.

It took a year to get the final okay from the Village Board. Funding came from the Lions Club, TDS, the B.A. & Esther Greenheck Foundation, the WI Arts Board, the Foundation for the Arts of Wausau, individual donations and money he made while operating the barrel train at Lions Club events. Artist Jessica Kopecky completed the mural on Oct. 13, 2021. The ribbon-cutting was held on July 13, 2023.


The mural illustrates the history of Kronenwetter from about 1880 to the present.

Today, Wasniewski loves when people comment on the mural. He knows it was his vigilant work that brought it to fruition.

"I had faith it was going to happen," he said.




Emil Wasniewski, the brainchild behind the mural, cut the ribbon during the July 13, 2023 ceremony.



December 2023

Deck the Yard

Sponsored by: 

- Decorate the outside of your home or business.
- Send your name, address and photos to jpayer@kronenwetter.org by Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023.
- Print or pick up a map of decorated homes at the Municipal Center.
- Vote for your favorite online between Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023.
- Winners announced in January 2023.

2024 Bulk Item Drop-Off

April 25, 26-10 a.m.-6 p.m.,
April 27-8 a.m.- 12 p.m.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- furniture
- scrap lumber
- scrap metal
- landscape timbers
- ranges/ovens
- dishwashers
- washers & dryers
- humidifiers
- grills (gas & charcoal)
- carpeting
- mattresses
- glass windows
- toilets
- hot water heaters
- lawnmowers (gas & oil removed)
- snowblowers (gas & oil removed)
- concrete items (containing no steel)
- treadmills

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- household garbage
- dehumidifiers
- microwaves
- refrigerators
- freezers
- air conditioners
- televisions
- computers & accessories
- tires
- yard waste
- liquids
- florescent light bulbs
- toxic material
- large quantities of building materials
- roof shingles
- batteries
- oil
- drums or barrels with unknown materials
- normal recycling items (cans, newspaper, cardboard)

MAXIMUM THREE CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL ALLOWED PER HOUSEHOLD (APPROXIMATELY ONE PICK-UP TRUCK LOAD)



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Kronenwetter Municipal Center
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