



TOWN OF NEW DENMARK NEWSLETTER

August 2025

Upcoming Meeting/Event Dates

9/8 Board Meeting, 7 pm
10/13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
**Special meeting of the Board
to discuss 2026 Budget (date to be set)*
11/10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
12/8 Board Meeting, 7 pm

** No Fall Elections are scheduled*

Deadline for Agenda Items

Anyone wishing to place an item on the Town Board Agenda will need to contact Chairman Krueger by the first Monday of the month with that request. Chairman Krueger will make the final determination as to whether a specific item will be placed on the agenda.

Curative Connections

Expansion of Rural Transportation Services to residents in Brown County

Curative Connections Transportation Service of Brown County provides rides to those over the age of 60 or people with disabilities in our community. Curative Connections will provide a door to door service Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Qualified clients can use the service to go to medical, nutritional, employment, and social appointments. All rides are scheduled on a first come/first served basis and will depend on volunteer availability. For more information on how the Transportation Service works, please call (920) 227-4272 Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



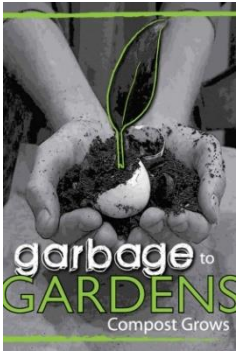
Volunteer Drivers needed for Rural Transportation Expansion:

Curative Connections – Making a Difference in the Lives of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities is now offering transportation services to community members over the age of 60 and/or the disabled. To offer this service, Curative Connections is looking for volunteer to provide these rides. If interested, please contact Tina Whetung at (920) 227-4273 or email her at twhetung@curativeconnections.org. You can find more information on the Town website for those interested in volunteering.

Notary Public Service Free of Charge:

As a reminder to the residents of New Denmark, I will provide free notary public services at my residence, the Town Hall or if you are restricted to your home, I will come to your residence to notarize documents. Please call (863-5523) or email me if you are in need of this service.

Michelle Wallerius, Clerk/Treasurer



COMPOST AT HOME: By composting yard materials and certain food scraps at home, residents can make their own compost for garden and landscape projects while reducing costs for off-site composting or disposal. Composting is also a preferred alternative to burning yard materials. Home composters can make compost in bins or in a heap, though bins are generally a better way to manage the materials. There are a number of home composting containers available commercially, and it is also fairly simple to create your own. The DNR's home composting brochure provides information to get started and tips for experienced composters who want to improve their systems. <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/doclink/waext/wa182.pdf>

WHAT TO COMPOST: Along with yard materials, certain food scraps can also be easily composted at home. Be sure to follow recommendations on what types of food scraps can be composted at home in order to prevent odors and avoid attracting animals and other pests.

Be Cautious and in the Know of Noxious weeds



Wild parsnip can grow up to 5 feet tall and has hollow, grooved stems that are hairless. The plant's leaves resemble large celery leaves. They are yellow-green, coarsely toothed and compound, with 3-5 leaflets. Small, yellow flowers are clustered together in a flat-topped array approximately 3-8 inches across. This plant resembles Queen Anne's lace.

Local Concern: Wild parsnip spreads aggressively through seeds carried by wind, water and equipment. Stem, leaves, and flowers contain chemicals that can increase skin sensitivity to sunlight and cause severe rash or blistering. Plant chemicals are known to reduce weight gain and fertility in livestock that eat wild parsnip.



Wild teasel : *Dipsacus fullonum*, syn. *Dipsacus sylvestris*, is a species of flowering plant known by the common names wild teasel or fuller's teasel. Teasel seed germinates throughout the year, but most commonly in spring and fall. The fall crop takes advantage of space provided by dying teasel plants that have shed their seed, prolonging and expanding the population. Common teasel is a highly invasive plant that can choke out desirable native growth and agricultural crops. The plants have stout, 2-foot taproots that anchor them firmly into the soil. A single plant can produce as many as 40 blooms, each of which can produce more than 800 seeds. The seeds are easily dispersed by water, birds, animals, and humans.

The best way to gain teasel weed control is to remove flowering stalks by hand before seeds are mature. Dispose of the flowering heads in sealed bags to prevent spread. Be persistent because the seeds remain in the soil; controlling teasel weeds may require up to five years or even more.

Large stands of common teasel can be treated with herbicides such as 2,4-D or glyphosate. Apply the chemicals to rosettes in spring or fall. Tips For Controlling Teasel

Weeds <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/plant-problems/weeds/controlling-teasel-weeds.htm>

Town Board Actions: The following are **only highlights** of actions and discussions at the monthly Town Board meetings. For detailed Minutes, please visit www.townofnewdenmark.com.

April 2025	May 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Old Settlers roadway mapping being reviewed by Brown County mapping division and to be recorded. * Info permit for ND-762 to repair damaged barn/lean two. MC Request for 40x40 workshop MC; ND-41-1 5250 Pine Grove Road for 36x32 accessory building. MC ND-3 for demo of existing garage with new garage construction by house. MC Review of M. Hardy permit. Additional info required. Floor plan/blueprints. Red flagged and no further work permitted, with exception of exterior and roof. * Board of review scheduled for 5/28/25; Open book 5/14/25. * J. Warrunek appt to 1 yr term to Appeals Committee. R. Guiliani as alternate. Approved. Board thanks Kathy Janssen for years of service to the Plan Commission. Chair nominates Mike Calewarts (2 yr), Jared Post (2 yr), David Schlies (1 yr), Melissa Trepanier (1 yr), Bill Krueger (1 yr) and alternatives, Francis Rabas, Jason Baugnet and Kathy Janssen. Approved. *Hawkins Ash submits final report. Town added \$118,000 to revenue reserves for 2024. Board approves letter of representation. * Four fire numbers installed in Hidden Hills. Pro 1 to address repair on Ronk Rd due to snow plow. Wendt Services patching potholes. Trees to be cut on Rosecrans and Kvitek. * Letter regarding ND-116-7 affirms variance from 1998 and property is conforming. Town to sign letter affirming. * Preliminary review of CSM for ND-621 to create two lots for residential home and business property. Lot 1 to be rezoned to Ag-R. *CSM for D. Stodola creating Lot 1 for ND-3. Approved & signed. *Resolution to vacate Connor Lane resigned and mailed to all parties for public hearing and publishing. *Annual Town meeting of Electors set for 4/15/2025 at 7 pm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Info permit for ND-644 for new home construction. Grandfathered parcel from 1921. MC ND-342-3 5367 Steves Cheese Rd for portable utility shed. MC ND-707-2 – 5375 Cooperstown Rd for new home construction. Zoned AG-R; has existing pole shed. MC Assessor Gaworek states open book 5/14 with notices mailed. Assessment up 3.5 million based on reviews & new constructions. *Motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 for support of new DS-300 voting machines for 2026 to be funded by Brown County. *Pot holes filled and tires picked up from right of way. Road bids: Motion to award bid #1-4 to Scott Construction with option for double chip sealing and black stone on Kvitek Road total bid cost \$157,334. Motion to award Bid #5 Cooperstown Rd to NE Asphalt for \$287,000. MC *Discussion Annual meeting donations and any donations made by the Town need to have accounting as to how funds will be utilized and final approval by the Board. Request to have Friends of Neshota and VFW War Memorial representative present breakdown as to how funds will be utilized prior to approving donation by the electors. * Zoning Administrator’s report: No additional plans received for M. Hardy garage. Discussion of raze order for Benecke store/cheese factory located on Langes Corner. *Draft CUP and invoice provided to NLC Energy Denmark LLC *Plan Commission meeting for May 21, 2025 for rezone of ND-621 (Shirley Road).
June 2025	July 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Info permit for driveway culvert permit for R. Kane. Approved. ND-718 T-Mobile upgrade equipment located at 6203 Cty Hwy R. * Board of Review completed 5/28/25. 2025 Assessment roll filed. Will be starting 2026 sales and permits with January 1st as cutoff. *Class B beer and liquor license approved for Circle Tap 2, LLC awaiting paperwork for operator permits. Class B beer/liquor and operator permits approved for The Mark, LLC, Twin Oaks Golf Course, Bails II, Loopys on the Loop. Class B liquor license approved for Duck Creek Vineyard & Winery. MC * Cooperstown Rd completed. Stop ahead and bridge signs fixed on North and Town Hall Rd. Picked up mattress and chair on Irish Rd. Washout and drainage issue on Maribel Rd. Bid to be brought back to Bd for review. Scott Construction to repair shoulder on Pine Grove by Beverly Gardens for \$3,295. Discussion to abandon Louie’s Lane, which is similar to Connor Lane. Property non-conforming due to frontage but farmland owned by same property owner on both sides of roadway. Atty. Sickel to research. *Zoning Administrator completed US census report. 4 new homes added in 2024 w/ value of 1.25 million. Discussion of property on Steves Cheese road and structural defects. Motion to have building inspector inspect and provide condition report. *CSM for ND-330 – Revision to CSM on 5/2/25 with no documentation. Noted buildable acreage on CSM. Hold for clarification. *Rezoning of ND-621 approved to AG-R for Lot 1 for sale of residential home. Lot 2 to remain business zoning. CMS to be submitted for final approval and signature. *Resolution 2025-02 to vacate Connor Lane adopted. All property from right of way deeded back to original parent parcel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * L. Feller of Hope Lane states dead end road sign broken. Request to cut grass on Frontier to improve visibility. Request to have grass cut on Joe’s Lane. * K. VandenBusch present for Friends of Neshota and provides spreadsheet of expenses for improvement to sledding hill and small library exchange. Organization has raised \$320,000 for improvements, with the Town providing \$12,700 in donations. Motion to approve elector donation of \$1,500. Carried 2-1 *Info permit for D. Kaster for 12x24 storage shed for ND-621. Michels Construction for extension of right of way permit to 12/2025. ND-25 4845 Hidden Acres Lane for 1600 sq ft addition to existing home. MC * Assessor Gaworek states working on yearly maintenance and updating Market Drive. Working on 2026 assessment year. *Motion to approve 2025-26 Property Tax Agreement with Brown Cty. \$1.75 per tax bill & postage cost. * Discuss Peterson Lane and washout. Village owns portion of roadway with annexed property. Bid to be requested. Option to chip seal and roll in attempt to build up crown of road. Administrator Hafs addresses ND-481 and request for home and review of zoning code requirements. Building Inspector to provide condition report for Benecke store and cheese factory. *CUP for NLC Energy Denmark LLC approved. *CSM for ND-621 reviewed creating new lot for existing home. Approved and signed by Clerk. .

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The goal of this newsletter is to promote resident awareness and involvement in town government and community affairs.

If you have any criticisms, comments, requests or suggestions, please contact Michelle Wallerius at 863-5523 or at michwallerius@gmail.com

The Town Board meets at **7 p.m.** on the second Monday of each month. Residents are invited to attend these public meetings and may place items on the agenda by calling the Town Chairman.

Notice of hearings and agendas are posted at the Town Hall and online at the town website:
www.townofnewdenmark.gov

The **Plan Commission** will meet as agenda items arise each month with a special meeting being scheduled at 7 p.m. The **Variance Committee** will meet as zoning issues arises. Notice of hearings will be posted & published in The Denmark News.

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