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Village of Wales



Village of Wales in Contract Negotiations with Lake Country Fire and Rescue to Provide Fire and Rescue Services for the Village

For several months the Village and Town of Genesee have been in talks with Western Lakes Fire District and Lake Country Fire and Rescue about merging the Wales Genesee Fire Department with them. Ongoing staffing shortages and the escalating cost of replacement fire equipment have made it necessary to pursue another way to provide these critical services to our residents.

After presentations from both departments the decision was jointly made to join Lake Country Fire and Rescue. Discussions continue about the details of the new arrangement and the disposition of the department's existing equipment. At this time the projected transition is expected to occur on January 1, 2021.





2020 Elections

The Partisan Primary will be held August 11, 2020, and the Fall General and Presidential Election is on November 3, 2020. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at ***500 E. Summit Avenue**, Wales, WI (fête Event Barn). *Please note due to COVID-19 the Polling location is changing for these two (2) elections.

Register Early to Avoid Lines on Election Days

Eligible Wisconsin Voters who have a current and valid Wisconsin Driver License or Wisconsin State ID Card can now register completely online! If your name, date of birth, Wisconsin Driver License or State ID number, and address all match the information on file with the Wisconsin DMV, you will no longer need to mail or deliver your registration form! Go to <http://myvote.wi.gov> to register or use any of the other methods listed below:

1. By mail: complete the voter registration form
 - a. Mail with Proof of Residency to: Village Clerk, PO BOX 47, Wales, WI 53183
2. In-person at your Municipal Clerk's Office: Open M-Th, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Fridays: 7:30 a.m. to Noon
3. In-person at your assigned polling location on Election Day 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Note: All options require acceptable proof of residency.

In-Person Absentee voting will start on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2020, unless changed by order of the Court or State.

NEW POLLING LOCATION FOR AUGUST AND NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTIONS ONLY

The Polling location for the Village of Wales is being moved to *500 E. Summit Avenue (fête Event Barn). Signage and volunteers will be located at our regular polling location to assist you to the new locale. If you have any questions, please contact our offices at 262-968-3968. Thank you for your understanding during these unprecedented times. We are doing all we can to keep our poll workers and citizens safe.

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Election Officials Needed

The Village is in need of Election Officials. There are two more election opportunities to work this year. You can sign up for all or some of the dates. Prior experience is not required and paid training is provided. Please contact the Village Hall at 262-968-3968 if you are interested in becoming an Election Official.



Wales Community Building Expansion Project

Wales Community Building Expansion
Will Address
Safety & Security Issues

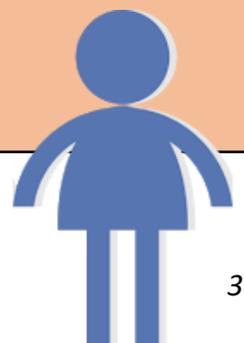
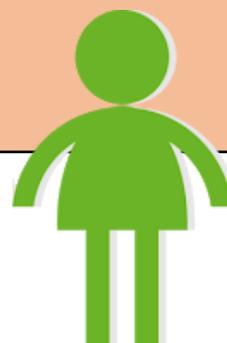
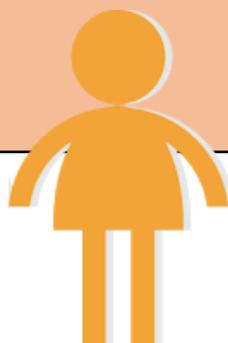
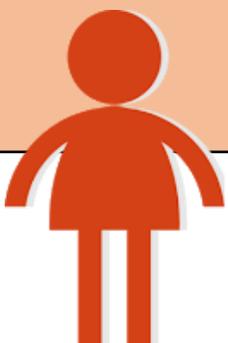


When the present Wales-Genesee Fire Station was completed, the prior Wales Fire Station was converted into the Wales Community Building, which also houses the Wales Buildings and Ground Crew. The Community portion of the Building has been used for election voting and is available for rent by residents for small gatherings.

Recent health data has shown the need for social distancing for the foreseeable future. The protection of our poll workers and our voters has become a major concern.

To address this problem, the Village appointed a Task Group to review a proposed expansion of the area of the building now used for voting. In addition, the Task Group will study the additional use of this area for all Village Board and Commission meetings. The current seating availability at Village Hall for public observance and/or comment at Village sanctioned meetings is extremely limited. The space available does not allow for social distancing between attendees and the various Boards.

The Village of Wales has and always will place the safety and security of the Village of Wales residents, staff and guests as its top priority.



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