

**Potawatomi Property
Owners Association**
55820 George Lake Road
Barnes, WI 54873

DRUMBEAT NEWSLETTER
January 2021



Potawatomi Property Owners Association, 55820 George Lake Road, Barnes, WI 54873

Potawatomi is located in the Town of Barnes, County of Bayfield, Wisconsin. Our association is organized to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities in the community known as Potawatomi Estates.

PPOA Board of Directors

President: Rob Lynch (Term expires 2022)
Secretary: Michelle Boheim (Term expires 2023)
Treasurer: Rick Tello (Term expires 2021)
Director: Joe Girten (Term expires 2023)
Director: Vacant
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For more information on the Association,
to update property owner information, or
to contact any Board Member visit
www.potawatomipropertyowners.com

Declaration of Restrictive Covenants Article V. Section 4 (a.) The Board shall act in accordance with and support the Covenants, act in the best interests of the association, maintain the common property, establish rental policies for use of the common property, maintain the financial solvency of the association and maintain the financial and other records of the association.



POTAWATOMI EVENT CALENDAR 2021

DAY/DATE*	EVENT DESCRIPTION
Friday Jan 1	Annual Property Assessments Due
Monday Mar 1	Reservations begin for full Island, seasonal campground, weekly rentals
Monday Mar 15	Reservations begin for all rentals (Island and campground)
Thursday Apr 1	Last Day to Pay Annual Property Assessments (without penalty)
Saturday Apr 17	PPOA Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 AM at the Caretaker (Island)
Saturday May 1	Potawatomi Facilities OPEN – weather permitting
Saturday May 15	PPOA Open House – 9:00 AM at the Wanigan (Island)
Saturday May 15	PPOA Board of Directors Meeting – 10:00 AM at the Wanigan (Island)
Sunday June 6	Firewise Chipping Event – Deadline to have materials ready for chipping
Saturday June 19	PPOA Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 AM at the Wanigan (Island)
Saturday July 17	PPOA Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 AM at the Screen Porch on East Island lake Drive
Saturday July 17	Discover Potawatomi Picnic – 12:00 Noon at the Screen Porch on East Island lake Drive – <i>Bring your own chair</i>
Saturday Aug 21	Annual Meeting (all PPOA members) – Election of Board Members Meeting – 9:30 AM – Location TBD
Saturday Aug 21	PPOA Board of Directors Meeting – Following Annual Meeting (Election of Officers)
Saturday Aug 28	PPOA Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 AM at the Wanigan (Island)
Monday Sep 6	Firewise Chipping Event – Deadline to have materials ready for chipping
Saturday Sep 18	PPOA Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 AM at the Wanigan (Island)
Monday Sep 27	Potawatomi Facilities CLOSED for the season
Saturday Oct 16	PPOA Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 AM at the Caretaker (Island)

*Event calendar subject to change. Updates will be posted at:

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BRUSH CHIPPING PROGRAM

The Brush Chipping Program is one of the most popular benefits of our Association. PPOA applies for and is usually granted funds through the WI DNR Firewise Program to offset most of the cost. As more and more property owners are clearing deadfall, and because of a recent severe weather pattern, the cost of chipping has gone significantly beyond the grant program. In an effort to keep costs reasonable and maximize the efficiency of the program, please follow these guidelines. Property owners not adhering to these guidelines risk having their brush piles left behind. Thank you for your cooperation!

1. This program is designed to reduce brush and branches from fallen or dead trees to mitigate fire danger on our properties. Wholesale clearing of land is not the intent of this program. Excessive piles will not be picked up.
2. Stack your piles of brush on the roadside (not in the roadway) and restrict the size to 4 inches in diameter and maximum lengths of 6 to 8 feet.
3. Brush should be in the form of individual branches stacked to a maximum height of 6 feet so they can be pulled apart and fed into the woodchipper by hand with no additional equipment.
4. Have your neatly stacked pile in place PRIOR to the chipping deadline. The next chipping deadline is June 6, 2021.
5. Property owners can request their chips be left onsite by contacting Rick Tello at 715-795-2211 prior to the chipping deadline.

HELP US CONTINUE TO OFFER THIS SERVICE BY STRICTLY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES



CUT AND SAVE





Wildfire Risk Reduction

10 Safety Tips

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property — and their neighborhood — much safer from wildfire.

Action Items to Improve Your Home's Survivability:

- **REMOVE** leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **SCREEN** areas below decks and porches with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- **COVER** exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. **REPLACE** missing shingles or tiles. **COVER** ends of tiles with bird stops or cement to help prevent ember penetration during a wildfire.

Tips for Landscaping Around Your Home

- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to help reduce fire intensity.
- **PRUNE** tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground to help reduce the chance of fire getting into the crowns of the trees.
- **MOVE** construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- **DISPOSE** of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings that you have cut to reduce fuel for fire.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Increase your wildfire safety. Make simple low-cost changes to your home and landscape starting today.



Visit www.firewise.org for more information.



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Greetings!

Winter may be in full swing, but at your local Ranger Station we are thinking spring thoughts. Inspections on equipment, updating of databases, and always more training are the name of the game for the next two months. This past year we received a new member on our team, and I am happy to report that the Barnes Station is once again fully staffed.

COVID changes: Many of you may have noticed that the Ranger Station is currently not open to the public as we once were. Indeed, most of our staff, like many folks, are working from home when we are not in the field or maintaining equipment. Rest assured; we will still be providing wildland fire protection to the community! For now, burn permits will be issued either via our online and telephone systems, or through one of our community fire wardens. For 2021, the two closest options to get a burn permit in person will be the Solon Springs Mercantile or the Bear Stop gas station in Drummond. The Cabin Store on County Hwy Y is no longer able to issue permits.


As always, we need your help in protecting the community from wildfire and mitigating the severity of any fires that do occur. As the snow melts, take a few minutes to get those pine needles off the roof, rake or blow last year's old leaves and needles away from foundations, out from under decks and stairs, and clean up the yard. Firewood should be stored away from buildings, and check that garden hose faucets still work. Most homes lost to wildfire are not ignited by the passing of the big crown fire, but by the following lower intensity surface fire or by an ember that is transported and lands in a pile of dry fuel adjacent to the structure.

Remember if you have a burn permit, check conditions prior to burning **every time** by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876), or by checking online after 11:00 AM at dnr.wi.gov keyword "fire." Most often, if burning is allowed that day, the window will not be until after 6:00 PM when the fire weather has laid down for the day.

I am available to visit your property for a COVID safe outdoor walk through to discuss the home ignition zone and ways to improve your fire preparedness. You can reach me on my work mobile at (715) 308-1025 with questions, requests, to report an illegal burn, or just to chat with your local Ranger about forestry.

Wishing you a safe spring from the WI DNR Barnes Ranger Station.

Andy Wilcox
Barnes Forest Ranger



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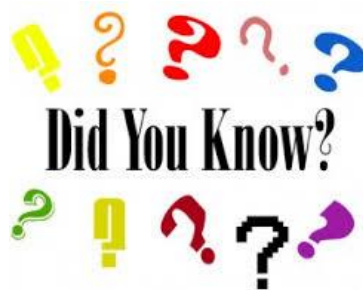


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Did You Know?

The Town of Barnes is responsible for maintenance of the town roads in Potawatomi. For concerns, contact them at www.barnes-wi.com.



2021 PPOA Cabin and Campground Rental Program
(Property Owners and their Guests Only)

Reservations begin March 1st (whole Island, seasonal Campground and weekly rentals) and March 15th (all cabins and Campground)

Reservations for rentals on the Island and Campground will only be approved from owners with current assessments paid. Property owners and their sponsored guests must follow PPOA rental rules and guidelines. Sponsors are responsible for their guest's behavior while using Association Common Property.

Cabin 1

\$63.30 per night
\$30 Cleaning Deposit

Cedarwood

\$79.13 per night
\$30.00 Cleaning Deposit

Cabin 2

\$47.48 per night
\$30.00 Cleaning Deposit

Lakeview

\$116.05 per night
\$75.00 Cleaning Deposit

Cabins 3, 4, 5 & 6

\$42.20 per night for each cabin
\$30.00 Cleaning Deposit

Lodge

\$179.55 per night
\$125.00 Cleaning Deposit

Caretaker

\$116.05 per night
\$75.00 Cleaning Deposit

Whole Island

\$659.38 per night
\$350.00 Cleaning Deposit



Campground Sites - Daily

\$21.10 per unit – no hook ups
 \$31.65 per unit – with hook ups

Campground Sites - Weekly

\$126.60 per unit – no hook ups
 \$189.90 per unit – with hook ups

Campground Sites - Seasonal

(May 1 – Oct 1)

\$1,688.00 per unit – no hook ups
 \$2,321.00 per unit – with hook ups



***Prices include 5.5% Wisconsin sales tax.
 For more information and to request a rental go to potawatomipropertyowners.com.

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President's Letter

Hello. I am Rob Lynch and I joined the PPOA Board in 2019, elected President in 2020. I have a lifelong connection to Barnes. In the 50s and 60s my family vacationed here, moving to the area in 1972. I graduated from Drummond High School. While in college, I worked summers right here in Potawatomi cleaning the Island cabins, cleaning the beach, maintaining roads and mowing the golf course, campground and archery range. Fast forward 37 years and I am back in Potawatomi, although my permanent residence is Fargo, ND. My goal as President is to make Potawatomi a strong community in which to live, work, play and preserve.

We have had some changes to the Board over the last year. I want to thank outgoing members Nancy Collyard, Janette Laberdie, Barb Clements and Bill Schilling. I want to welcome new members Joe Girten and Michelle Boheim. I also want to thank outgoing President Rick Tello, for his leadership. Rick remains on the Board as the Treasurer. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please contact me. Here are highlights of some Association activities:

PPOA Business. Your Board has taken several important steps to make our Association more accountable.

- We have updated our website potawatomipropertyowners.com to make it the most reliable source of information about the Association. We add to it weekly, sometimes daily, and it is the best method to contact us.
- We are undergoing a formal review of our 2019 financial practices by Anderson, Hager and Moe, CPAs in Hayward.
- We have expanded our ability to conduct business year-round by utilizing technologies such as Zoom, QuickBooks and our website. The Board recently met via Zoom to develop an aggressive budget for 2021.
- We are adding Internet to the Wanigan. While this addition is mainly for Association business, a great side benefit will be free Wi-Fi access for our membership when visiting the Island.
- Board members have new portfolios of responsibilities spreading the administrative workload among the Board.

In 2021 we plan to better coordinate our great volunteer network, financial donations and develop additional opportunities for membership participation in the Association. We want members to contribute where their strengths lie. While the pandemic has been a challenge and we have some Campground work to complete, we are hopeful our rental operations can return to 100% this season.

Repairs and Maintenance of the Common Properties. This is always a challenge for the Association, both in cost and manpower. We want to take an aggressive approach in 2021, while being careful not to break the bank. Rather than a few large, expensive capital improvements, we intend to focus on many smaller, deferred maintenance activities. Painting, fixing, landscaping, electrical, plumbing, etc. Our intent is to better balance attention between the rental assets and the other Common Property (signage, lake access, golf course, picnic area, etc.). We will have opportunities for everybody to get involved. If you can't provide physical labor, we can always use a financial contribution for these projects. Of course, we appreciate all the folks who help us out every year with donated time, equipment and financial support. On behalf of all the membership, thank you.

Finally, I'm asking you to regularly check out potawatomipropertyowners.com. Our best and most timely communication to you is through the website. Together, let's make it a great 2021!

-Rob