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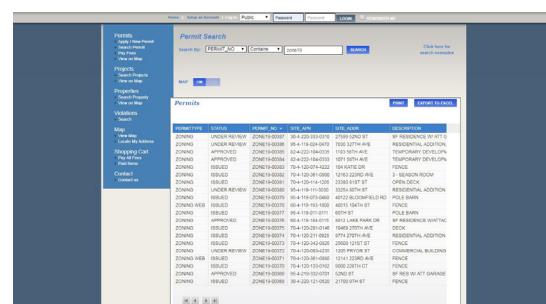
COMPASS POINTS

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ONLINE PERMIT AND INFORMATION PORTAL IS LIVE!

In 2011, the Kenosha County Division of Planning and Development adopted new software to digitally manage records for properties within Kenosha County. All record documentation has been stored digitally and all historical data created prior to 2011 has been scanned in preparation to be migrated into the database. Recently, the on-line portal went live and is now accessible to the public at <https://permitting.kenoshacounty.org/eTrakit/>.

The site will allow users to search public records and view basic permit, project, and case information within the unincorporated townships of Kenosha County, the Village of Salem Lakes, and the Village of Somers. In addition, the site will enable contractors to digitally submit and pay online for certain planning and development-related applications. Other features include:

- The ability to search for zoning permits, sanitary permits, shoreland permits, and storm water permits; see application dates, approved dates and issued dates for permits; and access to a basic description of the project including site location, contact information, and applicable fees.
- Search for public hearing applications including comprehensive land use plan map amendment applications, rezoning applications, variance applications, conditional use permit applications, temporary use permit applications, subdivision plat applications and certified survey map applications.
- Search for sanitary, zoning, shoreland and storm water complaints/violations; and access to a basic description of the complaint or violation, site location, and status.



For more information about the online portal, visit the site at <https://permitting.kenoshacounty.org/eTrakit/>. and read this [informational handout](#). If you are a contractor looking to gain the ability to submit permit applications online, you can contact the Kenosha County Division of Planning and Development at (262) 857-1895 to set up an account.

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Planning & Development Calendar 2019	
November	
13	Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee, Public Hearing Room, 6 p.m.
21	Zoning Board of Adjustments Hearing, Room A, 6 p.m.
December	
11	Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee, Public Hearing Room, 6 p.m.
19	Zoning Board of Adjustments Hearing, Room A, 6 p.m.
January	
8	Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee, Public Hearing Room, 6 p.m.
16	Zoning Board of Adjustments Hearing, Room A, 6 p.m.

FLOOD MAPS

What is a flood map?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) works with communities across the country to identify flood hazards and promote ways to reduce the impact of those and other hazards. Flood maps are used for floodplain management, flood insurance rating, and to determine flood insurance requirements.

Flood maps generally show a community's flood zones, floodplain boundaries, and Base Flood Elevation; together they show the risk of flooding.

No matter where you live or work, some risk of flooding exists. To find your community's flood map, visit the FEMA Flood Map Service Center, then type in your address and search. You may view, print and download flood maps, open an interactive flood map (if available), and view all products related to your community.



Figure 3: Example of flood map. Source: [FEMA](#).

A Flood Map:

- Also known as a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)
- Communicates flood risk to a community and its residents
- Informs local floodplain management regulations
- Identifies flood insurance risk zones called Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA)
- Determines insurance rates and the need to purchase insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Sets minimum floodplain standards and building standards for the community
- Is modified when there are changes in population growth and development, and improved science including changes in climate and weather patterns

Why do flood maps change?

Flood hazards change over time. How water flows and drains can change due to new land use and community development or by natural forces such as changing weather, terrain changes, or wildfires. To better reflect the current flood risk conditions, FEMA uses the latest technology to update and issue new flood maps nationwide to aid communities, property owners, businesses, and other stakeholders in taking steps to address flood risks.

For more information, visit <https://www.floodsmart.gov/why/all-about-flood-maps>.

KENOSHA COUNTY PROPERTY INQUIRY

The Kenosha County Property Inquiry application contains a vast amount of property-related data and is freely available on the Kenosha County website. Available information includes:

- Property ownership
- Address (property & mailing)
- Tax information
- Assessment information
- Building information
- Recorded documents
- Link to GIS mapping

Users can search for the above information by using parcel number, property address, or common location. Please note that search by owner name is not permitted due to privacy concerns. Additionally, personal property account records are also available for viewing. Various reports can be generated from the application and include:

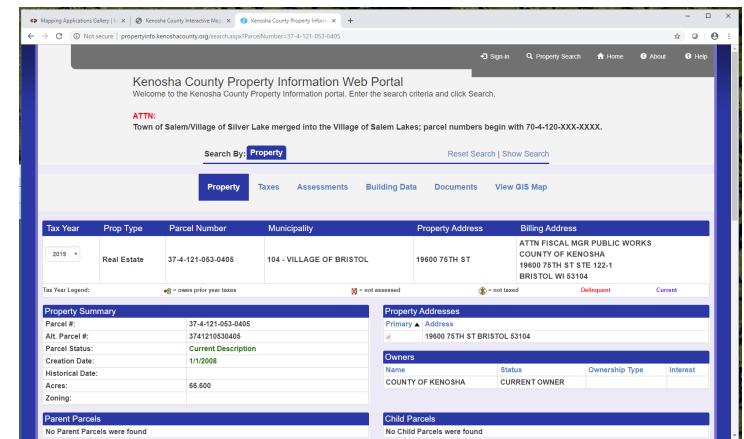
- Property summary report
- Tax bills (current & historic)
- Tax balance report

To access the Property Inquiry Application from the main kenoshacounty.org website:

1. Click on the Property & Taxes icon
2. Select the "Property Inquiry" icon

OR:

Access directly from your browser at propertyinfo.kenoshacounty.org.



COUNTY SPOTLIGHT: PAULA LAITINEN, LAND INFORMATION DIVISION

Paula Laitinen was hired as a Real Property Lister in the Land Information Division in February 2019. She has lived in Pleasant Prairie for the past 25 years, and is thrilled about her short, 13-minute commute to the office. She has worked as a Wisconsin Certified Residential Appraiser for the past 20 years. Prior to appraising, she worked in the mortgage business for 10 years, preparing loan closing packages and auditing loan files.

As a Real Property Lister, Paula is able to use her 30 years of experience in Kenosha County's real estate market, although she learns something new every day. Her favorite part of the job is interacting with Kenosha County residents who call or come to the counter for help, as well as having a laugh with her wonderful workmates.

Paula's favorite pastime is cheering her daughters on from the stands, as well as being their chef and taxi service. Vacation time is spent in the deep woods of the UP with her husband, daughters, and mosquitoes.



EXTENSION KENOSHA COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



Molly at the 2018 Waterfowl Hunting Outreach Opening Day

Molly Bodde was hired as the Southeast Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Outreach Specialist with the Wisconsin Sea Grant in October 2018. Molly was born and raised in Kaukauna. Molly has held positions with the Clean Boats, Clean Waters Watercraft Inspection Program and the City of Madison's Community Development Authority Housing Program. Bodde is completing a master's degree in Sustainable Management through the University of Wisconsin Division of Extension. She has a B.S. degree is in Environmental Sciences from the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

As an Aquatic Invasive Species Outreach Specialist, Molly's role focuses on providing outreach and education regarding current and upcoming aquatic invasive species concerns for our local water bodies. Molly is determined to keep water resources for generations to come.

For questions regarding aquatic invasive, contact the Extension Kenosha County office at (262) 857-1945.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 11/2 - Bristol Woods Trail Run, Bristol Woods/Pringle Nature Center
- 11/9 - Evil Smiley Veterans Day Run/Walk, Bristol Woods Pringle Nature Center

December

- 12/7 - Hateya Trail Run, Petrifying Springs Park
- 12/21 - Christmas Bird Count, Bristol Woods, Pringle Nature Center
- 12/21 - Winter Solstice Night Hike, Bristol Woods, Pringle Nature Center



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It is the mission of the Kenosha County Division of Planning and Development to provide professional, customer-centered services to residents and organizations pursuing individual and community development goals while ensuring the balance of our community's economic advancement with protection of the natural environment. The Division provides services that; encourage the use of natural resources in a planned and orderly manner, utilize technology to ensure the efficient/accurate communication of technical land-use information, improve our local economy and advance the common good of the citizens of Kenosha County.