



NEVs IN TWO RIVERS

A few citizens in our community have been operating their NEVs. What are they and is this legal? A NEV is a **N**eighborhood **E**lectric **V**ehicle. Some refer to the NEVs as golf carts; there are differences between the two although the differences may be subtle to the casual observer. The terms are not necessarily interchangeable and this has led to confusion for some of our citizens.



The biggest difference is NEVs can be registered and operated on approved roadways. Golf carts can not be registered nor operated on the roadways.

Our City Council has adopted an ordinance authorizing the operation of NEVs on all public roads in the City of Two Rivers with the exception of state trunk highways with a posted speed limit greater than 35 MPH. The two areas within the City where NEVs can not be operated are Memorial Drive in the 45 mph zone just prior to Madison Street and on Lincoln Ave. north of 35th Place.

Work is in progress locally to resolve two connectivity issues around the City. The first area is Hwy VV in the Town of Two Rivers between Riverview Dr and the Tannery Bridge. The second is a short section of Sandy Bay Rd through the Town to Sandy Ridge Rd.

For more information, the Department of Transportation's website has a page dedicated to NEVs at the following link: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/vehicles/title/nev.htm>

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has defined NEVs as part of a larger class of vehicle termed Low Speed Vehicle and defines what constitutes an NEV.

As low-speed vehicles, these 20 to 25 mile-per-hour vehicles are subject to a new Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 500 (49 CFR 571.500) established by this final rule. . . The standard requires low-speed vehicles to be equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, tail lamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and vehicle identification numbers.

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