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Updates from the Village Board

We are excited to announce that a new occupant has been found for the former Ranger Station located at 301 W. Cedar Street. On March 12, the board approved a special warranty deed agreement with North Central Conservancy Trust. The new deed agreement mimics the original agreement with the WI Department of Natural Resources. North Central Conservancy Trust (NCCT) intends to use the main building for their offices and meetings. The pole barn will be used for storage. NCCT is a non-profit organization that works to conserve and protect land throughout Central Wisconsin. They serve 8 counties in the region and will be moving not far from their current office space at the Worth Company. This arrangement is seen as beneficial for several reasons—primarily because it gives a new purpose to what has become a vacant space.

For quite some time, the Utilities Committee has been considering what to do about the unused Newpage wells. The WI DNR requires that wells are properly filled when they are not in service. Whiting has an extension agreement with the DNR which expires on April 16. After that date, the village has 120 days to either use the wells or cap them. After much effort by Trustee Kevin Lutz and the Utilities Committee to determine possible uses and alternatives, it was ultimately decided that the wells will be capped.

Bi-Annual Village Rummage Sale—East of Post Road

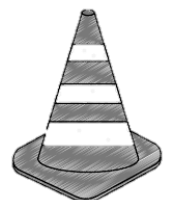
Saturday, May 4, 2019
Starting at 8 am

Post Road Construction Recommences

As spring brings warmer weather, construction on Post Road begins again! Warm weather also means more vehicles on the roads. Please watch your speeds, especially in work zones, and be on the lookout for bicycles and pedestrians!

For more information on the Post Road project, traffic impacts, and to sign up for weekly updates via email, please visit:

<https://projects.511wi.gov/business511/>



We're All Connected

Maintaining the Integrity of Our Public Drinking Water System

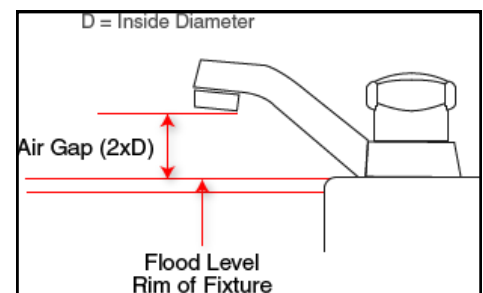
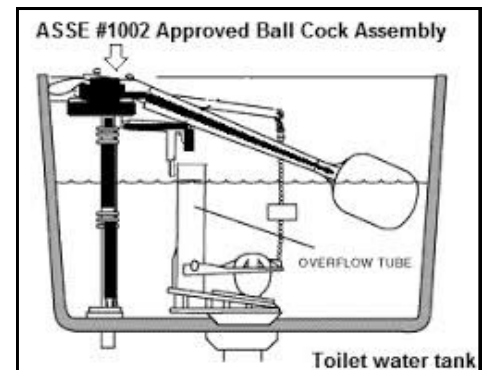
Did you know... Your water can become contaminated if connections to your plumbing system are not properly protected! To avoid contamination of your drinking water, backflow preventers are required by state plumbing codes wherever there is an actual or potential hazard of a cross-connection.

What is a cross-connection? A cross-connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and a source of contamination or pollution. When you turn on the faucet, you expect the water coming out to be as safe as when it left the treatment plant. However, certain hydraulic conditions, left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to contaminate your own drinking water or even the public drinking water supply.

Backsiphonage and backpressure. Water normally flows in one direction. However, water can sometimes flow backwards, called backflow. Backflow can occur in two situations, backsiphonage and backpressure. Backsiphonage occurs due to a loss of pressure within the water system like, for example, a fire fighting emergency or a water main break or repair. Backpressure may be created when a source of pressure, like a boiler, creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied by the potable water system.

In your bathroom and kitchen... Look for the ASSE #1002 standard symbol on the device and packaging in your toilet tank. If your device does not contain this symbol it should be replaced with an approved ASSE #1002 anti-siphon ball cock assembly. Make sure handheld shower heads are compliant by letting them hang freely and confirming that they are one inch above the flood level. In addition, be sure to check to make sure the device has an ASSE #1014 or ASME code I 12.18.1 stamped on the handle. In your kitchen make sure all dishwashers are installed with a proper "air gap" and that all faucets and detachable hoses work properly and do not lay in the basin of the sink.

A few more things... Be sure to not submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs or sinks and make sure the ends of the hoses area clear of contaminants. Verify or install a simple hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets. Never use a spray attachment without a backflow prevention device. Make sure water softeners are installed with an "air gap" and that any waste pipes do not go directly into a floor drain.



Private Wells

The Village of Whiting has an established private well permitting/inspection/abandonment program to meet the requirements of NR 810.16. The program regulates all wells on properties that are connected to the Village water system. Due to increased interest from the DNR in declaring all wells in the Village as abandoned or properly permitted, the Utilities Department will be increasing inspections and enforcement of the well abandonment ordinance Sec. 15.52. For more information on well abandonment and permitting contact Casey at 715-340-7583 or visit the village website at the following URL:

<https://villageofwhiting.org/private-well-information/>



Credit Card Bill Pay—Coming soon!

Out of town and you need to pay your water bill?? No worries! Soon you'll have the option of using a credit or debit card to pay your utility bill online. A payment link will be available on the village website. The village office will be taking card payments as well. All card transactions (online or in office) will be charged a 2.65% convenience fee. An additional eCheck payment option will be available for a \$2.95 processing fee. Please note, payment arrangements may not be processed online: you will still be responsible for contacting the Village Office in these cases.

New Appointment to Public Works & Parks

Village resident Jeanna Diedrich was recently appointed to the Public Works & Parks Committee as our newest citizen member. Thank you, Jeanna, for your willingness to serve. Welcome aboard!!

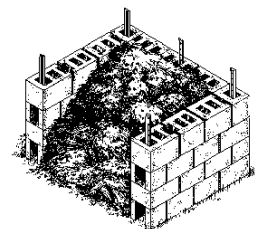
There is still one vacancy on the PW&P Committee. Prior experience related to parks and public works sectors is helpful, but not necessary. Individuals interested in the position or wanting to know more may contact Bill Taugner or Paul Stroik (see pg. 4 Village Contacts).

New Compost Site Hours in 2019

Monday 8 am—3 pm
Wednesday 8 am—3 pm
Saturday 10 am—2 pm

Weather permitting, the site will open on Wednesday, April 17 and close for the year on Wednesday, November 20.

Please watch the village website for any changes in hours due to weather and peak season demand.



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3600 Water Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Phone: 715-341-2742

Hours of Operation:
Mon-Fri: 9-3:30
Sat-Sun: Closed

***“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world;
indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”***

- Margaret Mead

Village Meeting Schedules

Village Board

Monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm

Utilities Committee

Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 5 pm

Public Works & Parks

Monthly, 4th Tuesday, 6 pm

Plan Commission

Monthly, 1st Monday, 5 pm

All other committees meet as needed*:

- Community Development
- Ordinance
- Tree Board
- Building
- Public Safety
- Finance
- Personnel
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Board of Review

*Public meeting notices are posted at the Municipal Center and on the calendar of events online: <https://www.villageofwhiting.org/calendar/>

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