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VILLAGE OF WHITING

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Summer 2019

Summer is here! Enjoy it while you can!

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Coyote Sightings

There have been some reports of coyote sightings in the Village of Whiting, East of Post Road, as well as in the Village of Plover. The DNR advises that unless the coyote exhibits aggressive behavior, the danger to humans and small pets is quite minimal. Coyotes are normally calm animals. Therefore, no action to reduce the coyote population is being taken at this time.



In order to reduce any possible conflict with coyotes:

- **Do not feed coyotes.** Intentional feeding/baiting should be prohibited. Unintentional feeding such as via open compost piles and trash bins can also be problematic.
- **Do not let pets run loose.** Keep dogs on leashes and within fenced areas. Avoid letting cats run free and feeding them outdoors. Try not to leave pets outside unattended.
- **Do not run from a coyote.** If you encounter a one while out walking, shout, make noise, or throw something at it. Do not play the victim.
- **Do use fencing and repellents** (i.e. motion sensor lighting, sound making devices) to keep coyotes out of yards and away from homes.
- **Do not seek opportunities to aggravate the coyote.**
- **Report aggressive, fearless coyotes immediately.** Signs of aggression: agitated, unprovoked barking; snarling, growling, lunging; raised hackles; stalking/attacking pets; approaching/following people, especially during the day.

Aggressive coyotes should be reported to the DNR. If a coyote poses an immediate threat or danger to human safety, report immediately to the Sheriff's Department.

For more information on how to handle coyotes in urban areas, visit:

<https://urbancoyotereseach.com/coyote-info/how-avoid-conflicts-coyotes>

Whiting Park Trail Improvements

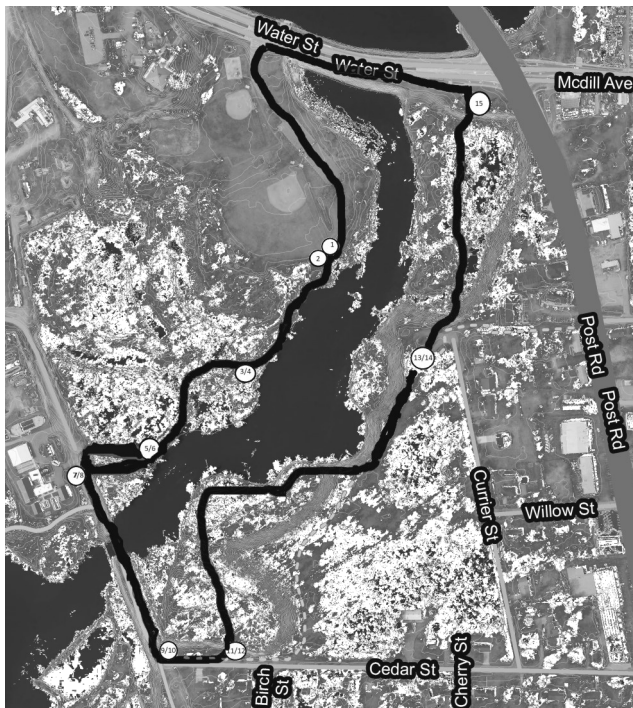
Eagle Scout Preston Schleih will soon be starting his project to improve the trail which circles around Upper and Lower Whiting parks. Preston's project proposal received approval from the Public Works & Parks Committee in March. His goals are to improve trail access and navigation, and to differentiate between the Village and Green Circle trails. Preston says he came up with the idea when he first walked the trail with a family friend last August. Below is an aerial view.

Preston has his work cut out for him. The plan involves adding new signage at trail entrances and where the Green Circle and Village trails meet to help distinguish the two. Trail rules or notices and trailblazer signs were other ideas mentioned. A new entrance which includes timber/earth stairs will be created near Strange Street, just off the compost site. Discussion was had about the Indian burial mound located in that area and Preston has responded by moving that part of the trail off the top of the mound and redirecting around it instead.

The new re-routed segment will be 5 feet wide and lined with woodchips.

Trail improvements will begin in July and end sometime in the Fall. Preston won't be doing this on his own—he will get help from fellow Scouts, family, friends, and other volunteers.

Preston also suggested naming the trail. His ideas are great: River Loop Trail; Upper Lower Loop; Strange Loop; Waterdeep Trail. The Public Works & Parks Committee thought it should be put to a vote. Any thoughts on the names above or other ideas from Village residents can be emailed to jenna.whitingvillage@gmail.com.



History Corner

Did you know that although the Village was named after paper industrialist George A. Whiting, the man never actually lived in the area? When the Village was about to be incorporated in 1947, residents were torn over what to name it. For many years the area had been named McDillville in honor of the McDill brothers who operated a sawmill on what is now Whiting Park. But by 1947, George Whiting had his own legacy for starting the Wisconsin River Pulp & Paper Company. His name was used all over the place—the Whiting Hotel in Stevens Point, the Whiting Country Club. When finally put to vote, despite strong support for the McDill name, the majority voted for Whiting. And so it was incorporated.

New Hire Announcement

The Village is pleased to announce that we have added to our staff. Jared Wilhelm is our new full-time Utility Operator. Jared lives in Auburndale and was previously employed as a Wastewater Operator with the Village of Junction City. He is filling the vacancy left by Casey Jakubek.

Nate Fiene is our new part-time Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Nate's hometown is Weston and he has similar experience working for the Village of Redgranite. He is filling the vacancy left by Annette Stashek when she moved into her current role as Clerk-Treasurer last year.

Welcome to Whiting, Nate & Jared! Thank you for your service!



Citizen Members STILL Needed on Committees

Please contact the Village office if interested in serving on the Public Works & Parks Committee, the Tree Board, or the Board of Zoning Appeals (as an

**Real estate taxes, 2nd installment, due July 31!
Payable at the Portage County Treasurer's Office.**

Online & Credit Card Bill Pay Is Here!

Your bills can now be paid online with a credit/debit card or eCheck option. Card payments are accepted at the Village office, as well.

All card transactions (online or in office) = 2.65% convenience fee.

eCheck payment (online) = \$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.

Post Road Construction

For updates visit: <https://projects.511wi.gov/business51/>

Reminder—New Compost Site Hours in 2019

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

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



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

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***“Alone, we can do so little;
together, we can do so much.”***

- Helen Keller

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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