VILLAGE OF WHITING

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Winter 2019-2020



The Election Corner . . .

If you are not registered to vote or experienced a change in name or address, go to MyVote.wi.gov or call the Village office.

Absentee ballots are available 21 days before any election. Consider voting absentee by mail or in person. Call the Village office for details.

Upcoming elections: February 18th and April 7th



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Pull your Christmas tree to the curb by 10 am on Monday, January 13th and we'll swing by to pick it up sometime during that week. Please know we're doing this during our normal rounds and won't be able to make special trips. All ornaments, tinsel, lights, etc. must be removed from the tree prior to disposal. We're not taking branches, stumps, brush or yard waste – only real Christmas trees!!!

The 2020 Census

"Counting everyone once, only once and in the right place"

The Decennial Census is under way. The population of Portage County hovers around an important threshold, so it is vital that everyone who resides here be counted. Census data provides vital information that is used for government representation and federal aid just to name a few. Please consider participating in the count.

Watch for your postcard coming sometime in March or April.

For the first time ever, you will be able to complete your Census online. Your post card will contain instructions on how to proceed.

Don't want to complete your census survey online? No problem! Your postcard will include information on how you can request census forms by mail.

New Garbage and Recycling Carts

The Village of Whiting signed a new seven year contract with Advanced Disposal for refuse and recycling services and carts are being provided. You should have received your carts by now. If you have not, please contact the Village office.

Inside one of your carts, you should have found a brochure that contains the 2020 garbage and recycling calendar as well as some helpful information. If you missed yours or lost it, check the Village website or call the office for a copy.

Here are a few tidbits of information to help with the transition to carts:

- Garbage <u>AND</u> recycling pick up will occur every Friday.
 If there's a holiday earlier in the week, your pick up day will be delayed until Saturday.
- 2. Please have your carts out before 5 am to ensure pickup.
- 3. If you had rented or purchased carts from Advanced Disposal prior to this, contact Advanced Disposal for removal of your old ones.
- 4. For now, a separate truck will pick up your garbage and recycling. In the future, one truck will pick up both at the same time. Watch the newsletter or website for updates.
- 5. Continue to bag your garbage and then throw the garbage bag in the garbage cart. Doing this will keep your cart cleaner and avoid flying debris on windy days.
- 6. Recyclables should not be bagged. They should be loose.

Exception: shredded and loose paper should be bagged in a PAPER BAG. DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS FOR BAGGING RECYCLABLES.

- 7. Set your carts on opposite sides of the driveway.
- 8. Keep your carts at least 3 feet from other objects.
- 9. Cart handles should be facing the house and away from the street. This helps to prevent damage to cart covers.

The Village of Whiting offers appliance and large item pick up every second Tuesday of the month. Contact the office for details.

Wintertime Reminders

- Property owners and occupants are responsible for removing snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours after the snowfall ceases.
- There is no minimum snowfall rule.
- ❖ When ice has formed and cannot be immediately removed, residents should use salt, sand, or sawdust to cover the area. Keep reapplying if necessary.
- ❖ Do you live near a fire hydrant? Please help us to keep it clear of snow. This will help the fire department have quicker access should the need arise.
- Removing snow or ice from private property and depositing it on sidewalks, streets or other public places is against the law.
- ❖ In the event that snow/ice removal does not occur in a timely manner, the Village may have the sidewalks commercially cleaned. In this case, the Village will seek reimbursement from the property owner.
- Snowmobiles may not be operated except in designated areas.
- ❖ The Village of Whiting is not responsible for any damage that may occur within the Village's right-of-way as a result of the snow and ice removal operations. This includes damage to snow sticks, gravel/sand, gouged or torn sod, landscapes, irrigation equipment or driveway aprons. Snow sticks should be set back a minimum of 1 foot from the paved part of the road.

**Don't forget to license me by March 31!!!! **



ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WHITING

Wisconsin state law and Village Ordinance requires that as of March 31 of each year, or upon reaching 5 months of age, all dogs must be licensed and must have an active certificate of proof of rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinarian. The Certificate of Proof of Current Vaccination must be presented when obtaining a dog license.

Licenses are available for purchase at the Whiting Village Hall located at 3600 Water St. from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Did you know . . .

Salt/Sand Barrels are located behind the Village Hall and at the corners of School St. and Verrill St., Cherry St. and Cedar St. Let the Office know when they become depleted.

Stay informed. Check our website for meeting agendas & minutes.

You can look up and/or pay your utility bills online. See Village website for direct link to GovPayNet. Fees apply.

First installation of your real estate taxes is due January 31st. Payments are made at the County Treasurer's office not at the Village office.

There's a bus service within the Village. Check Stevens Point Transit online for maps and schedules or call the Village office.

Business 51 (Post Road) Construction Project

For updates, traffic impacts, and business information visit the DOT project website at: https://projects.511wi.gov/business51/



Construction in the Village of Whiting is scheduled to resume in the Spring with completion scheduled for June 28th.

NEW: The Post Road section from Springville Drive to Tommy's Turnpike is now delayed until 2021.

The Village will not be culling deer this winter.



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