

VILLAGE OF WHITING

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Winter 2022



Office of Village President

Assessment Services for the Village of Whiting were provided by Pauls & Associates for 11 years. They have decided to reduce their workload by discontinuing assessment services to a number of their clients. Unfortunately, the Village of Whiting happens to be one of the clients selected. Therefore, effective January 1, 2022, Pauls & Associates will no longer continue providing assessment services for the village.

We are in the process of seeking a new property assessment firm to provide the service to the village. Once the selection is completed the new assessment firm will be performing a village-wide revaluation.

Wisconsin Law requires municipalities to periodically revalue all property to keep pace with changes in the market. During a revaluation, all assessments are examined, and adjustments are made where necessary to guarantee that all property is assessed at market value. This is done to assure that taxes are distributed equitably and uniformly. The State of Wisconsin requires assessments to be within 10% of full value (market value 90%-110%) at least once in a four-year period. Presently, residential evaluation is at 77.91%. The Village of Whiting's last evaluation occurred in 2014 and according to Wis. Stats. 70.05 (5)(d) we are out of compliance and a revaluation is required. For additional information, go to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's site at www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb060.pdf.

We will provide an update of the revaluation process after the selection of the new assessor is complete.

Paul Stroik

President, Village of Whiting

Important Reminders:

- **Christmas tree pick up** will be January 10. Please have undecorated tree on curb by 8:00 a.m.
- **Dog and Cat licenses for 2022** can be purchased at village hall or the Humane Society. You have until March 31 to avoid \$5.00 late fee. Neutered/spayed animals \$12.00. If not neutered or spayed, \$22.00. **Cash or check needed for payment.** Thank you!
- **Property taxes due Jan 31.** Refer to information sent with your tax bill for payment options. All payments are made through Portage County. Website: <https://www.co.portage.wi.us/departments/treasurers-office-home-page>
- **Garbage and Recycling schedule** was sent with property taxes. It is also available on village website.
- **2022 Elections:** Feb 15 (possible primary), Apr 5, Aug 9 and Nov 8. If need to **register** or want to receive **absentee ballots**, go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> or stop in office.

New Bike Racks

Because of a generous donation by a current village resident, we have new bike racks! Bike racks will be installed this Spring and will be located on either side of main village hall doors. You can now drop off payments, buy your dog license, vote or just stop in to say hello with your bike! Thank you to the resident who donated these to the village!

Welcome New Trustees!!

Kim Furo was elected in April as a new trustee. She replaced **Cecil Coates** who is very dedicated to our community!

John Koutre was elected at the last November 9 board meeting.

Thank you and all trustees for your service to our village!

Wintertime Reminders:

The time of year is upon us that we are once again going to be utilizing our snow removal equipment. As we do so the Village would like to take a moment to share some winter time reminders so that we all can have a safe and happy winter season:

- Vehicles parked on the road make it difficult for the contractors removing snow. Village ordinance Section 22.05 (7) (a) discourages parking in streets and public ways during snow events.
- Section 12.07 (3) of the Village Ordinance prohibits depositing snow or ice from private property/driveways onto public streets or sidewalks.
- Public sidewalks that abut each parcel of land in Whiting need to have the snow removed (and sand/salt applied if applicable) within 24 hours after each winter storm event ceases. The snow/ice must be removed by the owner, occupant, or person in charge of each parcel of land. Language pertaining to this topic can be found in Section 12.07 (1) of our Village Ordinance.

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