

VILLAGE OF WHITING

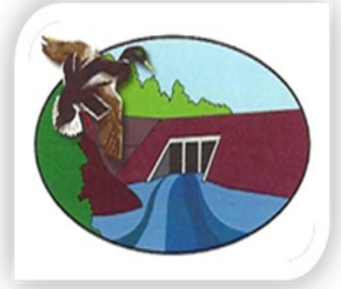
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OFFICE HOURS: M-F 9:00-3:30

SUMMER 2022



A note from the Director:

Summer is here, and I am enjoying the sounds of lawn mowers instead of snowblowers after a winter that seemed to drag on long past its welcome. With that in mind, I would like to take a moment to share some information about village ordinances regarding yard maintenance. Grass growing on parcels of land or lots within the village must be mowed regularly and kept at a length less than 8 inches tall. This is in an attempt to control noxious weeds and limit pollen emissions which may have adverse health effects for some individuals. More information on this subject can be found in chapter 32 of our municipal code. I would also like to take a moment and remind you about road right-of-way's and how to go about performing an activity within this area, such as landscaping. A right-of-way is a term for the strip of land that is required for the placement of roads, shoulders, sidewalks, and utilities (gas, electric, water, sewer, and communication). The width of road right-of-ways vary from street to street, and can even vary as you travel down a given street. The important part to remember is that in most all cases, the right-of-way is significantly wider than the width of the roadway itself.

Section 12.04 and 12.05 of our local municipal code discuss the rules and regulations regarding activities in the right-of-way areas. If you are planning a project in the right-of-way area (landscaping, plantings, etc.) there is a permit that is required. Please contact our building inspector to apply for a permit. Please also feel free to contact me if you have questions about right-of-way locations or require information on what is allowed within this area.

I wish you all a pleasant and safe summer season.

Jake Wilcox

(715) 340-7582

PFAS (per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances) UPDATE

The Village of Whiting takes its role in protecting public health by providing safe drinking water to our community very seriously. Our drinking water is closely regulated by both the EPA and DNR and it meets strict Federal and State drinking water standards. We appreciate that an important conversation is happening right now regarding PFAS. PFAS is an emerging contaminant that EPA and DNR do not regulate at this time. PFAS is a group of thousands of compounds used in everything from food packaging and cookware to upholstery, clothing and firefighting foam. These chemicals do not break down in the environment and are commonly found in dust, air, soil and water. It is our understanding that PFAS can be found everywhere. Testing for PFAS is not required by state or federal regulators, but our utility has tested for PFAS and found that our water contained less than 1 part per trillion (ppt) of two different chemicals from within this group of chemicals. No other chemicals from this group were detected. EPA and DNR are both working to determine how and when PFAS should be regulated in the future. We will continue to follow EPA's and DNR's lead on PFAS to keep your drinking water safe according to the Safe Drinking Water Act.

WELCOME ARIC CZAIKOWSKI, OUR NEW PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES OPERATOR

ARIC JOINED US AT THE END OF MAY AND IS A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR TEAM!

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR PW AND UTILITY WORKERS FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND MAKING OUR COMMUNITY A NICER PLACE TO LIVE!!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT GARBAGE/RECYCLING PICK-UP

- We apologize for any issues any of you have had in recent months. When speaking with our contractor, Waste Management, we are told that they are having a difficult time keeping and retaining employees. They are doing the best they can to service us right now.
- PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE WITH ANY ISSUES YOU HAVE REGARDING GARBAGE SERVICE (715-341-2742, M-F 9:00-3:30)

NEW UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTION:

Beginning in August, Direct Deposit will be available for those that want a fixed amount taken out monthly. For single transactions (to pay bill in full), this will begin with the next billing cycle, which is in October. Please return the enclosed Authorization Agreements to the office if interested in this option. We are also asking that a VOIDED CHECK be returned with it as sometimes the Deposit ticket has a different number. Thank you!

ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE THROUGH GOV PAY/ALLPAID

- Credit card online payments through Gov pay now have a 2.95% service fee effective June 1, 2022. Minimum \$1.00 fee
- Online eCheck payments are charged \$2.95 per transaction regardless of amount of check. This may be a better option if you are not interested in paying high service fees.
- Visit the village website and use the Gov Pay button near the bottom of the Home page: www.villageofwhiting.org.

IMPORTANT ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION AND UPDATES ON OUR DROP BOX:

- **ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAN NO LONGER BE DROPPED OFF IN A DROP BOX**
- **OUR DROP BOX WILL BE SEALED DURING ELECTION PERIODS TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION.** THE NEXT ELECTION IS AUGUST 9 SO THE DROP BOX WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL AUGUST 10. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.
- **PLEASE MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS BACK EARLY OR DROP OFF INSIDE THE OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS (M-F 9-3:30).**
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CAN NO LONGER DROP OFF ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR OTHER PEOPLE. YOU CAN ONLY RETURN YOUR OWN BALLOT**

Upcoming Misc. Information

- SECOND INSTALLMENT REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE DUE JULY 31, 2022
- Watch for Notice of Change in Assessment and scheduling of Open Book and Board of Review in late August or early September

Holiday Reminders

- The Compost Site will be closed Monday, July 4 and Labor Day, September 5.
- Garbage pick-up will be SATURDAY July 9th instead of the 8th and SATURDAY September 10th instead of the 9th

Well Permit Renewal Time

RESIDENTS WHO NEED TO RENEW WELL PERMIT WILL BE RECEIVING A LETTER SOON. If you receive a letter in the mail, follow the instructions and contact village staff to begin the process of acquiring your well permit. Well Permits are due every 5 years.