

VILLAGE OF WHITING

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider

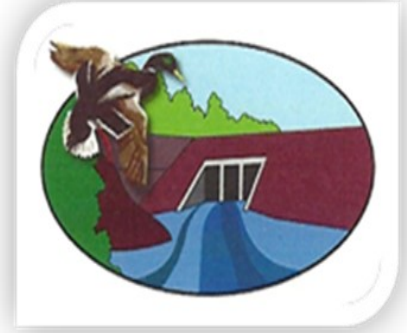
3600 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481

(715) 341-2742

www.villageofwhiting.org

Office Hours M-F 9:00-3:30

Winter 2023



I do believe Winter has finally arrived and is here to stay. I am already looking forward to Spring. And, with Spring comes the Spring Elections. Four Village of Whiting seats are up for re-election in April, which includes the Village President's position, the title I presently hold.

I have, for several years, considered not running for re-election but so enjoyed working for the village that I was hesitant on retiring. After giving some serious thought to this I have decided it is time to enjoy my remaining years in the private sector and allow others to enjoy the prestigious position and honor I have held for 12 years. Therefore, I have decided to announce that I will not be running for re-election.

I have served in the public sector for 48 years in various capacities, with 4 years of Military service followed by 29 years in Law Enforcement, and the last 15 years serving the village. I have had the privilege of serving as the Village of Whiting's President for the past 12 years. In looking back during my first term I recall wondering what I had gotten myself into. Serving as the Village President has been very educational and at times challenging. During the first few months, we had the closing of the paper mill followed by the discovery of a leak in the McDill Dam. As time went on, even with some of the challenges the Village had to deal with, I never regretted my decision.

Village of Whiting residents have been great to work for and with throughout the 12 years. The involvement, support and direction of the village residents of this small community is what makes this a great community to live in. Throughout the years, I had heard from numerous residents that they wanted to maintain the small community atmosphere. I could not agree more. We are a small community and while we can enjoy the small community atmosphere, we are just minutes away from shopping districts, restaurants, schools, parks, and scenic biking and hiking trails, You name it, we have it or have access to it.

During my time on the Village Board, I have had the privilege of meeting wonderful people. I will miss working with our amazing village employees, elected and appointed officials. Not only are they knowledgeable and conscience in their performance I truly believe they do have the Village's best interest in mind. Of course, I must thank my wife, Kari, for her support and understanding as I dealt with Village business during family time or when I should have been working on home projects.

In closing – I wish everyone Happy Holidays & A Happy New Year.

Paul Stroik

REAL CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP JANUARY 9

Our Utilities staff will be picking up real trees on Monday January 9. Please have your tree on the side of street **by 10:00 AM**. Trees need to be free of lights, ornaments, tinsel and other decorations. Please do not add branches, brush, or artificial trees. Only real, undecorated trees will be picked up. Please be sure the tree is visible and clear of snow if you put the tree out earlier. Thanks for your cooperation!!



A Chance to Honor Your WHITING Hometown Hero Veteran

American Legion Post 6 in Stevens Point has launched a public banner program designed to honor area veterans. It features large, distinctive "Hometown Heroes" banners, which will initially fly from light poles on the Memorial Bridge in Point. They will be displayed from this coming Memorial Day through Labor Day. These banners will be a living tribute for families and our community to honor past and present members of the military.

Each banner will feature the name and a large photo of the veteran, along with the branch and dates of service. The cost is \$300 per banner, with each banner flying one, or possibly two display seasons. The veteran's family, local businesses, or organizations are invited to sponsor the banner. As a special benefit, the family will receive the cleaned banner after its final public display.

March 1st is the deadline for participating in the local 2023 Hometown Heroes banner display. For more information about the program, and to learn how your family's special veteran can be honored with a personalized banner, please contact Barbara McCloy at 715-340-5485. Email: stptherobanners@gmail.com.

UTILITY PAYMENT REMINDERS

- If you are a **Direct Pay Customer**, your payment will automatically be taken out between the 15th and 19th of the month. You will still receive a quarterly bill in the mail stating the amount being taken out of your bank account.
- If anyone is interested in receiving an email (paperless) bill instead of a paper statement, please advise Annette by emailing or calling her: clerk@vi.whiting.wi.gov or 715-341-2742
- Due to many mail delays lately, try to mail payments early so they reach us by the due date of January 20. We also have the night deposit option.

Important Reminders:

- **Dog and Cat licenses for 2023** can be purchased at village hall or the Humane Society. You have until March 31 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. Neutered/spayed animals \$12.00. If not neutered or spayed, \$22.00. **Cash or check needed for payment.** Thank you!
- **First Installment of 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/department/treasurer-s-office-home-page>
- **We are recycling Christmas lights and still accepting candles all year**
- **2023 Elections:** February 21 and April 4. If you need to **register** or want to receive **absentee ballots**, go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> or stop in the office to fill out an application.

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 amount rule. All snow needs to be cleared. (Village ordinance 12.07)
- Removing snow from private property and depositing on sidewalks, streets or other public places is prohibited.
- Do you live near a fire hydrant? Please help us to keep it clear of snow. This will allow the fire department quicker access during emergencies. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.
- When ice has formed and cannot be immediately removed, residents should use salt, sawdust or sand to cover the area.
- Sand barrels are available on corner of Verrill and School St., behind the Village Hall and on the corner of Cherry and West Cedar.
- 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.