

VILLAGE OF WHITING

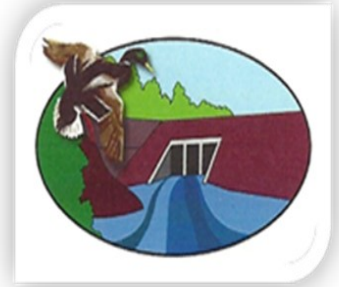
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SUMMER 2023



A note from the Director:

Summer has arrived and along with it came heat, bugs and grass that needs to be cut. Although your grass may not be growing as quickly as usual it is still important to know 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 includes all yard areas, not just the areas that can be viewed from the road or by your neighbors. 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, ditches and utilities (gas, electric, water, sewer, and communication). The width of the road right-of-way can vary from street to street and can even vary from one area of the street to the next. 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.

Sections 12.04 and 12.05 of our local municipal code contain 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. Additionally, feel free to contact me if you have questions about right-of-way locations or require information on what is allowed within this area. Please remember that it is very important to call Diggers Hotline prior to starting any work that requires digging. This service is free to the caller and the number to call is 811.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer.

Jake Wilcox

From the (new) Village President:

I am both honored and humbled to be your new Village President. Our former President, Paul Stroik served faithfully and admirably for many years – there is no way I can fill his shoes, but will try my best. I have been involved in Village activities for several years, serving on the Plan Commission and Board of Review (alternate) plus the Community Development Committee for some time.

In my short time as President (took office in April after the election) I have been extremely impressed with our Village Staff. In particular, I have worked closely with Annette Stashek, our Village Clerk Treasurer, and Jacob Wilcox, our Director of Public Works. Both are dedicated, efficient employees of the Village and our operations could not run as smoothly as they do without them.

In addition, I would like to give a shout out to Trustee Kevin Lutz who chairs the Utilities Committee and Trustee Bill Taugner, who chairs the Public Works & Parks Committee. Those two committees are responsible for very important and very active areas of Village operations, including our drinking water, sewer, roads, and parks/green spaces. Kevin and Bill do a great job running those committees, and I am sure they would say it's because of the committee members they have helping them.

Have a great summer. I'll try to get another update to you in 3 months.

Dean Curtis

Holiday and other reminders:

- **Garbage pick-up** will be SATURDAY July 8th instead of the 9th and SATURDAY September 9th instead of the 8th.
- The **Compost Site** will be **open Monday, July 3**. This is not a holiday for the village. July 4 is a holiday for staff.
- The **Compost site** will be **closed on Labor Day**, Monday September 4th.
- Second Installment Tax Real Estate Taxes are due July 31, 2023. Please pay taxes at the Portage County Courthouse.
- **Check out our new Village banners along HH and Post Rd!**

Well Permit Renewal Time

Private Well Permits are due every 5 years per DNR requirements. **Residents who need to renew** their permit this year have already received a letter in the mail.

New this year! Water testing and permit fees will be added to your September 30 bill. We will no longer collect payments at the office as we've done in the past.

Utility Bill Receiving and Payment Options:

- We have the option to e-mail your bill if you no longer want to receive a paper copy. Please call the village office to request this option. Newsletters are always available on our website if you choose the e-mailed billing approach.
- Cash or Personal Check (Drop box available outside of main village hall door)
- Direct Pay (automatic withdrawal from checking/savings). Stop in office if want to sign up for this option.
- Credit Card or e-check payment using Gov Pay. Visit www.villageofwhiting.org and use GovPayNet button on homepage. There is a 2.95% service fee for credit cards and a flat \$2.95 fee for checks

Animal Control in the Village

This same article was published in the last newsletter, but we are still having some issues regarding loose dogs.

Recently we have received complaints about dogs that are running loose on our trails and the Green Circle Trail. Running loose is considered to be when an animal is off the premises of its owner and not under the control of the owner.

Wisconsin, Portage County, Whiting, Stevens Point and Plover all have similar ordinances that ban animals from running loose. In addition, the Green Circle Trail has a more restrictive regulation, which requires pets to be restrained by a leash or tie not more than eight feet long.

This is a safety concern. A collision with a bike and a dog could result in serious injury to the biker and the animal. Aggressive dogs not under complete control of the owner could cause injury to other people and dogs.

Please be considerate of others when walking your dog in the village. While only the Green Circle Trail requires dogs to be leashed, it is only common courtesy to have your dog on a leash at all times when off your premises.

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