

# VILLAGE OF WHITING

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## *A note from the village President:*

Good-bye summer and welcome fall! We have a few updates happening in the village that I'd like to share with you.

One of the last things happening with the transfer of the re-constructed Post Road, from the Wisconsin DOT to the Village, is the McDill Pond Boat Landing. The Village will formally take full ownership of that in the coming weeks. Part of the ownership transfer will include the DOT providing a new Dock for the Boat Ramp which will be a well needed and appreciated upgrade to the existing one that has seen some better days. And speaking of the Boat Landing, if you have been down there lately, you may have noticed there are much fewer "droppings" from the geese that typically visit the area. Our Public Works staff found a safe and natural repellent that is keeping the geese away from the dock and ramp area. Great job guys!

Economic Development activity continues in the Village. There is activity on the vacant commercial parcels along Post Road which is good for the Village's tax base. We now have a bank branch located in the attractive building which has gone up on the corner of McDill Avenue and Post Road and that building is fully utilized. Single family homes continue to be built in the Sherman Place and River's Meet developments. If you haven't been in the lower Northwest portion of the Village lately, you might be surprised how many new homes have been and are being built there.

Lastly, I can say that I have received many very positive comments about the banners that have been hung North and South, East and West of the intersection of Post Road and McDill Avenue / Water Street. They are a nice addition to our Village and are appreciated by folks traveling through.

Have a wonderful fall!

*Dean R. Curtis*

*Village President*

## NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT COMING TO WATER TOWER PARK!

Beginning next spring, Whiting residents will enjoy improved playground equipment in Water Tower Park on Sherman Avenue. A new play structure will replace the old climbing bars and slide. The addition of a see-saw and a pony spring rider to the park for the first time will expand the fun for kids. The popular swing set will remain and be enhanced by a new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) approved swing seat in one position. These improvements are the first in decades at Water Tower Park. We invite all Whiting kids (and their adults) to check them out this coming spring.

Enhancements were also made to the Lower Whiting Park playground this past summer. A new sand digger, spring rider, and dizzy pole were installed. These additions reflect the Village's ongoing commitment to keep our parks fun places for all to enjoy!

## HOLIDAY REMINDERS

- **Trick or Treating hours: Tuesday October 31 from 5-8 pm** (coinciding with Plover and Stevens Point)
- **Compost site will be open until November 15.**
- **The village will be closed on the following holidays:**
  - November 23 and 24 (Thanksgiving)
  - December 25 and January 1 (Christmas and New Year's Day)
- **Garbage will be picked up on Saturday instead of Friday** for the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.
- **Christmas (real only) Tree pick up will be Tuesday January 9.** Please place tree on curb by 8:00 a.m. with all lights, decorations, tinsel etc. off.



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

If you are interested in being on the Village Board of Trustees, elections will be taking place in April, 2024.

There are 3 trustee positions to fill for the 2024-26 term. If you need more information on what being a trustee involves, please contact us!

Nomination papers for the Spring 2024 election will be available for circulation on December 1 and are due in the Village office by January 2, 2024.

## 2024 DOG AND CAT LICENSES AVAILABLE DECEMBER 1

Dog and Cat licenses will be available for the 2024 year on December 1, 2023. You need to get them by March 31, 2024 to avoid a late fee. We sell tags in our office or you can get them at the Humane Society. **Please bring proof of Rabies vaccination and cash or check.** (made out to Village of Whiting)

Portage county is increasing tag fees by \$2.00. **Prices for 2024 are as follow:**

- Neutered or spayed animals: \$14.00
- Un-neutered male or female: \$24.00
- Late fee (after March 31, 2024) \$5.00

## WINTERTIME REMINDERS

- Property owners and occupants are responsible for removing snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours after the snowfall ceases. (Village ordinance 12.07) Sand is available on Verrill and School, behind the village Hall and on the corner of Cherry and West Cedar.
- The village encourages residents living near a fire hydrant to help us keep the hydrants clear of snow, which will allow faster access to the fire department in the event of a fire.
- Removing snow from private property and depositing on sidewalks, streets or other public places is prohibited.
- When ice has formed and cannot be immediately removed, residents should use salt, sawdust or sand to cover the area.

## RECYCLING UPDATES

- A **FREE Electronic Recycling Event is taking place on Thursday October 12, 4-6:30 pm** at the Portage County Transfer Facility , 650 Moore Rd, Plover. There is a **limit of 20 items per vehicle**. For a list of acceptable items go to: <https://www.co.portage.wi.gov> and click on October 12 on the calendar located on the Home page. The Village Hall also has a list of acceptable items displayed. Please stop in for a list of these items or give us a call.
- We will be collecting unwanted Christmas lights and taking them to the Solid Waste Department in Plover. Please bring lights to the Village hall by January 19, 2024.
- We will continue collecting old/unusable wax candles. You can bring wax in its original container. They are used by ODC and made into fire starters. What a great way to use up old candles and support a wonderful organization!

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