

# VILLAGE OF WHITING

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

**Winter 2024**



## **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! NEW FOR 2024:**

You will see some new equipment when you come to vote in 2024! The Village accepted an offer from Portage County to transition to **Express Vote Machines**. With Express Vote, you will insert a blank ballot, make your selections on the screen and when done, your selected candidates will print on the ballot. Ballot will be inserted in the DS 200 just as in the past. This will be easier for poll workers to handle and will be a money saver overall. No more wasted ballots due to over printing. There will be no change to mail-in absentee ballots. Those will still be the preprinted ballots like before.

In addition to Express Vote, we will be converting to **Badger Books**-the State's electronic poll book. Instead of signing a paper poll book, you will sign a screen. This again is a major time saver for our poll workers at the end of the night.

**Neither machine is connected to the internet.** It is basically a paper and time saving alternative.

If you have questions, please call the office. We hope to have both machines up and running in late January for you to view before the February primary election.

**Election dates:** February 20, April 2, August 13 and November 5. Please visit <http://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> or come to the office if you need to register or sign up for absentee voting. A government Photo ID is required for both options.

## **THANK YOU WHITING RESIDENT, JEFF VAUGHTER**

If you enjoyed the new extended Wednesday hours at Whiting's compost site this past season, you have village resident, Jeff Vaughter to thank. Jeff committed over 25 of his Wednesday nights to lock the gates around 6:00 p.m., a full three hours past the customary mid-week closing time. His commitment to do this gave many Whiting residents the opportunity to utilize the site during the week after work. Jeff's volunteer effort is a wonderful example of the spirit of neighborliness that makes Whiting a unique place to call home.

## **STAYING INFORMED**

Residents are always welcome to attend Village meetings. The updated agendas and minutes are on our website if you want to stay informed that way too. Village ordinances, election information, garbage and recycling and much more is available on our website. We have a limited number of printed maps and recycling information in our office too.

## **REAL CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP JANUARY 8**

Our Utilities staff will be picking up real trees on Monday January 8. 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!

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **Dog and Cat licenses for 2024** can be purchased at the Village Hall or the Humane Society. You have until March 31 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. Neutered/spayed animals \$14.00. If not neutered or spayed, \$24.00. **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.gov/431/Treasurers-Office>
- The best source for **updated recycling information** can be found at: <https://www.co.portage.wi.gov/396/Solid-Waste>
- **We are recycling Christmas lights and still accepting candles all year. Boxes are in entryway of Village Hall. Please remove all “extra” items from the lights. String plus lights are only item they want. Wax can remain in jars.**

### 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.

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**IN CASE OF UTILITY EMERGENCY OUTSIDE OF OFFICE HOURS PLEASE CALL 715-572-9434**

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