

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

SPRING 2024



We welcome Spring again after a very non-typical winter in Wisconsin. Let's hope the nice weather continues as we head into summer. There are a few items of importance on the following pages, which can also be found on our website.

EXCESSIVE SPEED ON MCDILL/HH

We have heard concerns about excessive speeds on McDill/HH from numerous residents. Since this road is a county road the Village of Whiting is limited in what we can directly do to reduce speeds. We have installed speed monitoring signs and speed limit signs. Beyond that the village doesn't have authority to do more.

The best thing to do if you have concerns is to contact the Portage County Sheriff's office and your Portage County Supervisor.

EMERALD ASH BORER AWARENESS

As you may be aware, emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive species from Asia that was discovered in the United States in 2002. Since then, EAB has spread to 30 states, including Wisconsin and has been responsible for the death of tens of millions of ash trees. In February, EAB was confirmed to be present in Whiting and has infected many, if not all of the untreated ash trees present within our community.

EAB infections are lethal to ash trees and infected trees will die if left untreated. Unfortunately, many of our ash trees will succumb to EAB within the next few growing seasons. However, EAB infections can be prevented with the utilization of specific pesticides used to eliminate beetle larvae present in the tree before they cause serious damage. These pesticides can be applied by a certified arborist and have the potential to save trees that are otherwise defenseless against EAB.

Infected trees will either need to be treated to prevent serious damage from infection or can be left untreated but will require removal at some point in the near future. Proactive removal or treatment is recommended.

For treatment options call: Eagle Tree Care, LCC – (715) 252-5009

For removal options call: Zblewski Bros, LLC – (715) 341-5350 or Eagle Tree Care, LLC – (715) 252-5009

Please note: Some tree removal companies are required to remove and destroy infected ash wood offsite and may not be able to leave the cut ash wood on your property for you to use later as firewood.

If you suspect that you have an infected ash tree on your property and would like help with identification please call or text (715) 340-7582.

Thank you,

Jake Wilcox – Director of Public Works and Utilities & Village Forester

SEWER MAINTENANCE NOTICE

Every year, Whiting Utilities staff clean and inspect a portion of our village's sewer pipes. This year we will be cleaning pipes on the west side of the village. While underground sewer pipes are being cleaned you may experience a gurgling, bubbling or hissing sound from floor drains or other fixtures and this is normal. Work will likely begin in mid-April and will continue into early summer. If you have questions, concerns or notice other problems with the drains or fixtures in your home or business please call (715) 572-9434.

Thank you – Whiting Utilities Staff

ELECTION AND MISC NEWS

- The remaining **elections for 2024** are: April 2, August 13 and November 5. The website **My Vote Wisconsin** is a great resource for registering, requesting absentee ballots and finding out what will be on the ballot for upcoming elections. You can check it out at: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>.
- The **compost site** opens April 3. Please bring the enclosed card with you each time you go. The hours remain the same as last year: Monday 8-3, Wednesday 8-6 and Saturday 10-2.
- Watch for **Board of Review date in May**. We will know what this date is toward the end of April and will announce it on our website. If no access to website, feel free to call the office to find out the date. Thank you.

The **2023 Consumer Confidence Report** is available on the home page of the village website. Paper copies are available at the office. <https://villageofwhiting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2023-CCR-Final.pdf>

Village Contacts

| | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|--|
| Clerk-Treasurer | Annette Stashek | 715-341-2742 | clerk@vi.whiting.wi.gov |
| Deputy Clerk-Treasurer | Meggie Grygleski | 715-341-2742 | deputyclerk@vi.whiting.wi.gov |
| Dir of PW & Utilities | Jake Wilcox | 715-340-7582 | jwilcox@villageofwhiting.com |
| Village President | Dean Curtis | 715-459-5140 | deancurtiswhiting@gmail.com |
| Village Trustees | Andrew Kruit | 715-347-6480 | Andrew.kruit@yahoo.com |
| | Bill Taugner | 715-347-2601 | btwhiting39@gmail.com |
| | Kevin Lutz | 715-342-8076 | kevinlpowercom@att.net |
| | Karen Curtis | 715-321-3211 | karencwhiting@gmail.com |
| | Kim Furo | 715-321-1226 | kfurowhiting@gmail.com |
| | John Koutre | 715-341-6188 | johnkwhiting1@gmail.com |

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

Full directory available online at www.villageofwhiting.org