

VILLAGE OF WHITING

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From the Office of Village President

The holiday season is upon us again and I hope you will have wonderful times with family and friends. We have quite a lot going on in the village right now and I will try to fill you in on some of the major ones.

New Employee: Wyatt Kaberle is our new Utilities Operator. Wyatt is 21 years old and grew up in Nekoosa, WI. He graduated from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay with a degree in Environmental Engineering – Waste & Water Technologies. Please welcome him if you see him out and about.

From the Utilities Committee. We had to increase the sewer rate on both the rate and the fixed cost by 3% starting on your third quarter billing again. Please see the Village's website to see how this will affect your bill. Please remember that if you are having problems with your utility bill payments you can set up a payment plan with the Village Clerk. On a positive note, we were awarded USDA loans / grants for both the sewer and water side of the Post Road Project. The water side is for \$760,000 which we will receive a \$540,000 grant and the sewer side is \$423,000 of which we will receive a \$302,000 grant. We will have forty years to pay back the amount not covered by grants at an interest rate of 2.625 percent.

Post Road Project: Construction is scheduled to begin June of next year with completion in 2019. The Village was awarded a \$350,000 loan from The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. This is a twenty year loan at four percent. This loan will cover the costs of construction of the median, boulevard, and underground electrical service, these services are presently above ground. The median construction will consist of brushed regular concrete, while the boulevards will consist of stamped regular concrete. WPS utilities will be placed underground. This loan will also help fund LED street lighting.

How about a shot at Trustee? Both Bill Horvath and Richard Marquard have turned in non candidacy papers so we have two openings on the board. Thanks to both of you for serving. This is a great opportunity to do your civic duty and help out your community. Please contact Debi if you are interested.

New Village Committee: A new ad hoc committee has been created for future developments on the Verso, Canadian National and Post Road properties. It is led by me and four village residents. We are trying to lay out a plan for developments that will benefit the residents of the Village. The first

meeting was held December 13th at 5:30 PM at the Village Hall. The next will be January 31st.

From the Tree Board: The Tree Board and the Village Board have approved a Deer Culling Plan which involves Plover, Stevens Point and Whiting. Implementation will start in 2018. The Tree Board has also authorized harvesting timber in the Well Field and several other areas in 2018. More information will be provided later.

From the Public Works Committee. Solar powered speed limit signs have been installed on County Hwy. HH. Hopefully this will curb some of the speeding issues and make it safer for residents living there as well as pedestrians.

Cecil's Whiting History Corner. Cecil Coats, Village Trustee is introducing a new newsletter segment called Cecil's History Corner explaining the history of different things in the Village.

Strange Street: What a name for a street. Well, there is some history on how it got this name. We have to go back a good many of years, so let's take a look as to how it got its name. Many years ago, there was a pulp mill at the McDill Dam. This mill was not a paper mill. It produced wet lap stock for other companies who converted this brown stock into brown paper backs for grocery stores. This mill converted logs into chips. These logs were unloaded from railroad flat cars. They were unloaded one log at a time. The men who unloaded these logs were known as spare hands. The logs were then run through debarking drums. After debarking was done, they were loaded into a digester which cooked these chips under high steam pressure. After they were cooked, the digester was opened to release the cooking process into the air. This was a very odorous process. It actually stunk the surrounding area; hence it became known as the stink mill. So, now we get to the naming of Strange Street. The mill was owned by a gentleman whose name was John C. Strange. The office is still in the area. It is now known as the Wellness center.

Please remember to exercise your right to vote on election day.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Lutz

Village Trustee

Please call us if you have any questions.

2018 Election Dates

Voting: In person absentee voting will begin and is available Monday thru Friday from 9A.M. to 3:30P.M. - our normal business hours. On February 20, 2018, the office will be open from 9A.M. to 5P.M. as required by law. On Election Day, February 20th, the polls will be open from 7A.M. to 8P.M., again as required by law. Please remember a photo ID is required.

February 20th, 2018
April 3rd, 2018
August 14th, 2018
November 6th, 2018

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WINTER-TIME REMINDERS

Winter will soon be here and we would like to remind all residents of their responsibilities under Ordinance Sec 4-2-7:

- ✓ Snow accumulation needs to be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the snowfall ceases.
- ✓ When ice has formed and cannot be immediately removed residents should use salt, sawdust, or sand to cover the area.
- ✓ The deposit of snow and ice on sidewalks, public places, or village streets which is removed from private property is strictly prohibited.
- ✓ The Village of Whiting is not responsible for any damage that may occur within the Village's right-of-way from the result of winter snow and ice removal operations. This includes 'snow sticks' placed along driveways and street edges, gravel/sand, gouged or torn sod, damage to any landscape amenities or irrigation equipment, or damage to driveway aprons. Snow sticks should be set back a minimum of 1 foot from the paved portion of the road.
- ✓ The Village encourages residents living near a fire hydrant to help us keep the hydrants clear of snow. This will help the fire department by allowing them quick access to the hydrant should the need arise. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.
- ✓ No person shall operate a snowmobile in a Village park except in designated areas.
- ✓ No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any sidewalk, pedestrian way or upon the area between the sidewalk and the curb line of any street in the Village.
- ✓ In the event that snow/ice removal does not occur in a timely manner, the Village may have the sidewalks commercially cleaned. In this case, the Village will seek reimbursement from the property owner.

ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WHITING

Wisconsin state law and Village of Whiting ordinance requires that as of March 31 of each year, or upon reaching 5 months of age, all dogs must be licensed and must have a current rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian. The certificate must be presented when obtaining a dog license.

Licenses are available for purchase at the Whiting Village Hall located at 3600 Water St. from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Dog license fees within the Village of Whiting are:

- ❖ Neutered Male/Spayed Female \$8.00
- ❖ Un-neutered Male/Unspayed Female \$18.00

A late fee of \$5.00 shall be charged the owner, of each dog 5 months of age or over, who fails to obtain a dog license before April 1st. Owners keeping, possessing, or harboring any dog or cat must remove and dispose of feces left by the dog or cat on any property not owned by the pet owner or keeper. Failure to do so may result in a fine.

A citation to the owner of an unlicensed dog will cost between \$169.00 and \$263.50. Another very important reason for licensing your dogs is that we have a Portage County Animal Control Contract with the Portage County Humane Society. The cost to the Village this year was \$5,168. Licensing your dog(s) helps reduce those costs.



Merry Christmas
and happy New year!

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Christmas trees may be disposed of by calling 715-340-7582 and setting up an appointment.

