

**WELCOME and VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT <http://www.townofwheaton.com>.**

Welcome to the Town of Wheaton newsletter for Summer 2018. There are lots of things happening in our township, from agricultural activities, expansion of existing and new businesses, construction on new residential lots, road improvements, Wheaton Park expansion, operation of a top notch recycling facility, and world class trout stream with improvements.

## **ROADS**

The township, with 83 plus miles of road, has more roads to maintain than most rural townships in the state, and we are 100% paved. With the tight budgets prevalent for so many years, we are diligently pursuing means and methods of pavement and ditch maintenance to maximize the amount of improvements to the roadways for the available funds. We have completed paving of 1 mile on 90<sup>th</sup> St and have begun culvert replacement along 2 miles of 50<sup>th</sup> St as we prepare for replacing that section of road.

We are in the process of updating our 2-year and 5-year road plan. This plan is required to provide for a sustainable road system. It is on the Town Website for your viewing. If you have any questions or comments, please contact one of the board members. It is used to secure funding from the state on special projects and to set a levy that will keep up with the rising costs, while maintaining good roads. Review of these plans is a continuous activity for the Board. As circumstances change, we may adjust the plan as required to better serve the public.

## **TOWN GOVERNMENT**

Our township maintains a website at [www.townofwheaton.com](http://www.townofwheaton.com). We have recently upgraded the website format. Please let us know what additional things you would like to see on the site. You can find the names and addresses of all the board and commission members there. Please visit our site and bookmark it for easy return! **We need your input.**

The Plan Commission term for each member is 3 years, from May 1 to April 30. Appointment to the commission is by the Town Chair, with board approval. Terms are staggered. Two members one year, two members the second year, and three members changed the third year, maintaining a consistency in the commission. If you are interested in an appointment to the Plan Commission, please contact any Town Supervisor, Chair, or Clerk to add your name to the list. Meetings are normally once per month, on the first Tuesday, held at the Wheaton Fire Station meeting room, at 7:00 pm.

The Parks Commission term for each member is 7 years, from July to June. Appointment to the commission is by the Town Chair, with board approval. The terms are staggered each year, with one member's term expiring each year. If you are interested in an appointment to the Parks Commission, please contact any Town Supervisor or Chair to add your name to the list. Seven years is a long commitment. Some members may not be able to stay that long, which means appointments may be more often than once per year. **We value your input.**

## **ELECTIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Partisan Primary will be held on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 starting at 7:00am.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fall General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 starting at 7:00am.

## **Town Park**

The Wheaton Town Park is located at 3900 38th Street, Elk Mound. We filled a section of open field with excess materials from the 40<sup>th</sup> St road project to provide for future parking and soccer field areas. The plan is to continue to develop the trails and to put together plans for a new pavilion by the upper ball field. The Park Commission is working on programs to fund additional improvements in the park, including landscaping, benches, lighting, recreational opportunities.

## **Park Rentals**

Park rental rates are listed on the park reservation application. Rates vary depending on the applicant's residency status and the type of event being held. Go to [www.townofwheaton.com/parks-and-recreation](http://www.townofwheaton.com/parks-and-recreation)

- ✓ Check Pavilion Sizes, Capacity, Number of Picnic Tables
- ✓ Check Pavilion Availability
- ✓ Download Reservation Application/Check Rental Rates
- ✓ Download Park Renter Procedures

To schedule park rentals email [wheatonpark@gmail.com](mailto:wheatonpark@gmail.com) or call Ken Books at 715-874-6414.

## **Town Boat Landing**

The Wheaton Town Boat Landing is located at 3001 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Chippewa Falls. The Parks Commission is also working on plans for addressing the boat landing ramp, mowing the area, and adding a boat dock.

**Reminder: For the safety of all park/boat landing users – NO hunting is allowed on park and/or boat landing property.**

## **Hall Rental**

The hall rental rate is \$100 per day, plus a refundable \$100 deposit. You are responsible for the cleanup and removal of garbage after your event. To schedule the rental of the Town Hall, please call Mary Eckwright at 715-874-5397. All cleanup must be complete by 8:00am the following day!

## **DOG LICENSE INFORMATION: (See Real Estate Tax info below for further info)**

SPAYED OR NEUTERED DOGS - **\$8.00**

UNSPAYED OR UNNEUTERED DOGS - **\$13.00**

MULTIPLE DOGS - FOR UP TO 12 TAGS - **\$60.00**

FOR EACH ADDITIONAL TAGS FOR MULTIPLE DOGS AFTER  
12 TAGS -**\$7.00** EACH

**PROOF OF CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION IS REQUIRED. WITHOUT PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION, LICENSE WILL NOT BE ISSUED. Proof will be returned**

## **PENALTIES**

A minimum late fee of \$5.00 shall be assessed the owner of each dog 5 months of age or over who fails to obtain a dog license by April 1st of each year, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership on or before the dog reached licensable age. The minimum late fee may be raised by municipal action, and may include payment of costs assessed by the Township for checking on the license. Any owner, who fails to have a dog vaccinated against rabies as required by statute, may be required to forfeit not less than \$50.00 or more than \$100.00.

## **ALL DOG OWNERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE WISCONSIN STATE STATUTES REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DOG OWNERSHIP**

- (1.) Dogs more than 5 months of age shall be licensed by April 1 of each year or a late fee of \$5.00 shall be imposed.
- (2.) Proof of rabies vaccination is required before a license will be issued.
- (3.) Dogs are not allowed to run at large. The dog must be kept on the owner's premises or under control of the owner or some other person.
- (4.) Dogs running at large are subject to impoundment.
- (5.) If the owner permits a dog to run at large, the owner shall forfeit not less than \$25.00 or more than \$100.00 for the first offense and not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$200.00 for subsequent offenses.

(6.) The dog owner can be held liable for a dog causing injury to a person, domestic animal or property. The penalties imposed can be from \$50.00 to \$500.00, depending on the circumstances. The penalties are in addition to any other liability imposed on the owner of the dog.

**If you are a landowner and have tenants who are dog owners, please forward this information to them. Thank you.**

**Please send check, proof of vaccination, plus a stamped self-addressed envelope to:**

Ruth Fagerland, Town of Wheaton Treasurer  
2384 80th Street  
Eau Claire, WI 54703  
715.861.3933

Make check payable to: **TOWN OF WHEATON TREASURER**

The Dog Catcher for the Township is **Rich Manthey**. **He can be reached at 715-874-5838** or you can email him at [wheaton.DogCatcher@gmail.com](mailto:wheaton.DogCatcher@gmail.com). **He deals with dogs.** If you have issues with other animals, please contact the Town Chair, any Town Supervisor or the Town Clerk for help. You can find everyone's name, phone and email on the Town Website.

**REAL ESTATE TAX INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019**

As a friendly reminder, if you have a second payment for your real estate taxes, the County Treasurer will mail you a tax statement regarding the remaining amount owed, which needs to be paid on or before July 31, 2018. Please make the second payment check payable to:

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY TREASURER,  
711 N. BRIDGE STREET,  
CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI 54729**

Note that the Town of Wheaton is required to have a full assessment of all property within the township starting this year. **The Assessor will visit every property** and will measure all buildings and structures. Please cooperate with the Assessor to get this work done promptly. He will be requesting permission to see the inside of the buildings. It is advantageous to property owners to allow him to do this, as he can then get a fair value placed on the property.

He will also be noting on his assessment reports **all properties that have indications of dogs** living on the property, along with how many dogs appear to be there. These will be checked against the dog license records the Town has. Any property without the proper dog license(s) will be checked for compliance. The Township has had a few problems with dogs biting people, and in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, the Town of Wheaton will be strictly enforcing licensing to ensure that all dogs have their vaccinations. **Fines and fees are being increased, so, please make sure your dogs have their vaccinations and are properly licensed.**

**WHEATON RECYCLING CENTER**  
**2429 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**ELK MOUND, WI 54739**

**Contacts:**

Roger Fagerland: 715-861-3933  
Rich Manthey: 715-874-5838

Facility: 715-874-6271

**DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Summer Months: April thru September**

- Wednesdays: 2:30 – 6:30pm
- Saturdays: 8:00am – 3:00pm

**Winter Months: October – March**

(Closed Saturday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016– Open until noon Sat. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016)

- Wednesdays: 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- Saturdays: 8:00am – 3:00pm

**ITEMS MUST BE STORED AND PLACED IN PROPER DUMPSTERS**

- Recyclable glass and plastics go together as does paper and cardboard go together
- Household trash goes into compactor. Trash bags for compactor can be purchased from attendant.
- Large items & materials go into the large construction dumpsters.
- Metal items go into metal dumpsters.
- Aluminum cans go into small wire cage
- Any items that go into the Construction Dumpsters MUST be approved by attendant before dumping.
- Styrofoam is considered trash.

**PRICE LIST:**

**Demolition Material:**

Full size pickup (Level full) minimum	\$45.00	Dehumidifiers	\$20.00
Small pickup (level full) minimum	\$23.00	Refrigerators	\$20.00
8 foot trailer with 3 foot sides (min)	\$45.00	Freezers	\$20.00
Larger trailers or overflowing pickup (Ask!)		Dishwashers	\$15.00
Sofa couch	\$12.00	Microwaves (metal dumpster)	Free
Large chairs	\$10.00	10 Blue Wheaton Bags	\$30.00
Small chairs	\$ 7.00	Blue Wheaton Bags (single)	\$3.00
Mattress or box springs	\$10.00	White Kitchen Bags (13 gal)	\$1.00
Burn barrels	\$ 5.00	Black or Brown Large Bags	\$4.00
Air conditioners	\$20.00	Hide a bed couch	\$15.00

**TIRES**

Small trailer, Car & small pickup	\$ 2.00	Larger than 22.5"	\$10.00
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16" to 17"	\$ 3.00	Tractor under 28"	\$12.00
18" to 19"	\$ 5.00	28" or larger	\$20.00
20" to 22.5"	\$ 8.00	Tires with rims	add \$2.00

### **RECYCLABLES**

Batteries Free - put on pallet

No# 1 thru 7 plastics – CLEAN

Glass jars and Bottles – lids to be removed

Metal of all kinds – sort brass and copper

All others go in metal roll-off

Paper and cardboard

Stoves, Washers, Dryers Water Heaters, Motors, Bikes, Lawn Mowers, Tillers, etc. NO CHARGE

– Go into metal roll off dumpster.

There are a few businesses in the area that accept appliances for free. Ask the attendants.

When in doubt, ask the ATTENDANT! It is either Roger or Rich!

### **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

No hazardous materials are accepted. Residents must save and take to

Chippewa County Clean Sweep held in the Spring and Fall (this includes paint,

Light bulbs and chemicals of all kinds).

### **Yard waste, TV's and electronics are not accepted**

### **Burning Permits**

Burning permits are not required in Wheaton, but you can only burn what is allowed by state law. Visit the Wisconsin DNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/openburning/> for burning regulations and several fine articles about the alternatives to burning.

If you must burn, please be careful. You are responsible for all costs of extinguishing a fire that you started if it has gotten out of control. Burn only when sufficient moisture exists (rain and/or snow cover) in the area, winds are light (under about 7 mph maximum gusts), and temperatures are cool. You can call the Chippewa Fire District at 715-723-5488 to let them know you are intending on burning.

## **Fired-Up Day**

**Saturday, August 11, 2018.** Bring the family and enjoy the day at the Wheaton Fire Station and the Wheaton Park! It will be packed with activities and fun for all ages. Activities include ball games, fire department demonstrations, CPR reviews, fire extinguisher training, Sheriff's Department exhibits, business booths, kids games, food, drinks, music, **KICKBALL TOURNAMENT**, and much more! **This year, BUMBLEFIST will be headlining!** Again this year, the Fire Department will have the **BUCKET BRIGADE** contests. This is open for team competition. The Wheaton Volunteer Firefighters will be there to defend their Championship! So gather some friends and enter a team to knock these guys out of first place! Come ready to work hard, get wet, and have FUN! All proceeds from this event will go to raising money for items the firefighters need to make their jobs safer, more efficient, and faster. See the Facebook page at Chippewa Fire District, Wheaton Station #2 for last year's video of the Bucket Brigade, and **Like and Share** the page to keep up with additional activities happening during Fired-Up Day. As always, the day will finish with the BEST fireworks display in the Chippewa Valley starting at 9:00 pm. See, **Like and Share** the new Facebook Page at 2018 Wheaton Fired-Up Day for current information!

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