

# WHEATON TOWN NEWS

## WINTER 2018

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

Welcome to the Town of Wheaton newsletter for “Winter 2019”. 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. Our 2-year and 5-year road plan is on the Town Website for your viewing. If you have any questions or comments, please contact one of the board members. This plan 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.

### **CLEAN GROUND WATER**

We all want and need clean water. The township has begun discussion and fact finding measures to determine what steps can and should be taken to assure that our groundwater resource is safe and will remain safe in the future for use by the people. If the groundwater is contaminated, what, if anything, can we do to reverse that situation and how can we minimize the chances of future contaminants entering the water source. UW-Stevens Point has studied the groundwater conditions in Chippewa County for decades. Some areas have been found to have high nitrates or other contaminants. You can find this data by searching online. You can also get an extensive water test by contacting Kevin Masarik at UW-Extension & UW Stevens Point, Trainer Natural Resources Building, Room 224, Stevens Point, WI, 54481. Phone: 715-346-4276. There is a fee for the testing.

Basic Homeowner's Package \$52.00  
-Coliform Bacteria

Homeowner's Metal's Package \$49.00  
-Arsenic

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| -E. Coli Bacteria                  | -Lead      |
| -Nitrate/Nitrite, Nitrogen         | -Copper    |
| -Chloride                          | -Magnesium |
| -pH                                | -Zinc      |
| -Alkalinity                        | -Iron      |
| -Hardness-Total                    | -Potassium |
| -Conductivity                      | -Sodium    |
| -Saturation Index (Ca)-Corrosivity | -Sulfate   |
|                                    | -Calcium   |

You can also contact Chippewa County Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management at the Court House in Chippewa Falls, WI. You do not need an appointment. Go to Room 11 and ask for a Water Test Kit, fill out the form enclosed, and drop the box in the mail. Chippewa County will pay the \$19.00 for the Nitrate-Nitrogen test. It would be advisable to pay the additional \$19.00 for the Coliform Bacteria test.

You can also contact the Commercial Testing Lab, 514 Main Street, Colfax, WI. You do not need an appointment. Go and ask for a Water Test Kit, fill out the form enclosed, and drop the box in the mail. Chippewa County will ***not*** pay the \$19.00 for the Nitrate-Nitrogen test at the Colfax Lab. It would be advisable to pay the additional \$19.00 for the Coliform Bacteria test.

There are several other private water testing companies. They will test only nitrates for free. All other testing will have to be paid for unless you buy their equipment.

Gibson Water Care will give a free test for nitrates, iron and pH. If you would like a Bacteria test, they charge \$75.00.

Gibson Water Care  
620 N. Hillcrest Pkwy.  
Altoona, WI 54720

Web site: [gibsonswatercare.com](http://gibsonswatercare.com)  
1-800-657-4533

## 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 the Spring Election for the Town of Wheaton will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2018 starting at 7:00am, the following officers are to be elected:

A TOWN CHAIR, for a term of two years to succeed the term of Mark Blaskowski, which will expire on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019

A TOWN CLERK, for a term of two years to succeed the term of Scott Deutscher, which will expire on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019

A TOWN TREASURER, for a term of two years to succeed the term of Ruth Fagerland, which will expire on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019

A TOWN SUPERVISOR, for a term of two years to succeed the term of Dennis Fehr, which will expire on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

A TOWN SUPERVISOR, for a term of two years to succeed the term of Herb Steinmetz, which will expire on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2018, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Contact the Town Clerk for nomination papers, or obtain them from the following website: <https://elections.wi.gov/forms/candidates>. You will need EL-169, Nomination Papers, EL-162 Declaration of Candidacy (properly notarized), filled out and returned. Check state statutes for requirements if there is financing of your campaign. A minimum of 20 and maximum of 100 qualified electors must sign the nomination papers with legible writing. Please read the instructions with that form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

## **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 \$25.00 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 has been raised by municipal action, and includes 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 within 30 days of ownership of a dog 5 months of age, else a late fee of \$25.00 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 and 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, when you receive the Real Estate Tax statement, the check for the first half or full payment of your Real Estate Taxes must be made payable to: **TOWN OF WHEATON TREASURER**, on or before January 31, 2019. A January 31, 2019 postmark will be accepted. Include your phone number on the check/checks. This is important so that we can contact you if there are any questions about your payment. Without your phone number, the tax payment may be delayed.

Payments are to be mailed to:

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

**Please do NOT mail the first half or full payment property tax payment to the Chippewa County Treasurer *BEFORE* the January 31, 2018 date. Should this happen, the Chippewa County Treasurer's office then has to mail your payment back to the Town of Wheaton Treasurer for processing.**

**The second payment**, if there is a second payment; 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.**

**As it was last year, in order to save on postage, the tax payment receipts will be mailed if you enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.**

**Your returned check from the bank will serve as your receipt.**

**Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.**

**My phone number is: 715-861-3933**

**Dog Owners: Please remember to send a separate check for your pet and tax payment, as well as a self addressed stamped envelope.**

**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
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.

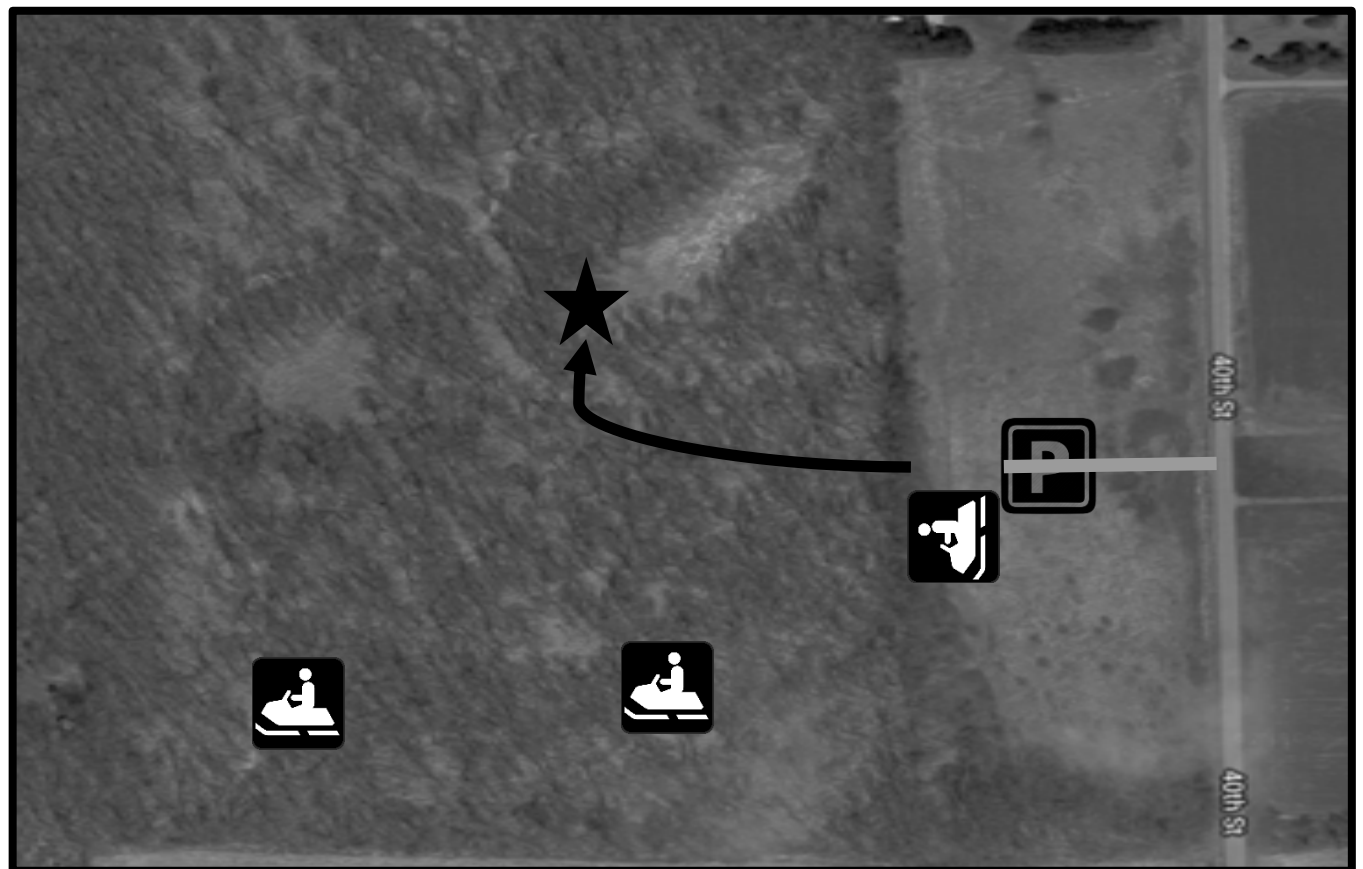
If you must burn, please be careful. You are responsible for all costs of extinguishing a fire that you started if it has gotten out of control. Burn only when sufficient moisture exists (rain and/or snow cover) in the area, winds are light (under about 7 mph maximum gusts), and temperatures are cool.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

## Town Park

The Wheaton Town Park is located at 3900 38th Street, Elk Mound. In 2018 the following improvement projects were completed at the park: New gaga ball and “Freddy the Firetruck” playground equipment were added, a set of trash and recycling bins were upgraded, additional power was installed in lower pavilion, walking trails and sledding hill were finished in the 40 acre parcel, and new driveway and parking lot were added on 40<sup>th</sup> Street to provide easier access to the new walking trails, sledding hill, and snowmobile trail.

With winter on the horizon please check out winter recreational opportunities at the park!

1. Ice-skating rink will be located on the tennis court this year, which is south of the fire station.
2. Sledding hill will open for its first season! Please Note: Access is from 40<sup>th</sup> Street.
3. Snowmobilers may park their vehicle and trailer at the 40<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot and gain access to State Trail 33 and Wheaton Trail right from the parking lot.





## 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, you can also 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 working on plans to address the boat landing ramp and add solar lighting in 2019.

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

## Wheaton Park Ornamentation Project Campaign

The Parks Commission has been adding amenities to the park over the last couple years and has also created an ornamentation project campaign for residents/non-residents. This fundraising campaign offers the community an opportunity to make a donation, memorial gift, or in honor gift with long lasting benefits to our area. By allowing for resident/non-resident and community donations this further creates a sense of community ownership to this project and unifies our commitment to the park.

Our project will have 2 phases and to help keep Wheaton Park aesthetically pleasing we have selected the donation level options. We have started with Phase 1 which focuses on areas around the lower pavilion and lower ball fields. Once Phase 1 is fully completed we will begin Phase 2 which will focus on areas around the upper pavilion and upper ball field.

Interested in DONATING? See the attached Wheaton Park Ornamentation Donation Form. Additional information is located at [www.townofwheaton.com/wheaton-park-ornamentation-project-campaign/](http://www.townofwheaton.com/wheaton-park-ornamentation-project-campaign/)

# WHEATON PARK ORNAMENTATION PROJECT DONATION FORM

Wheaton Parks Commission has started an ornamentation project to help beautify Wheaton Park and provide additional amenities.

## Interested in DONATING? It as simple as 1-2-3!

### 1. Fill out the following information.

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMORIAL: \_\_\_\_\_ HONOREE: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of/In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Given for: BUSH \_\_\_\_ SHRUB \_\_\_\_ TREE \_\_\_\_ PICNIC TABLE \_\_\_\_ BENCH \_\_\_\_

☐ Check Box if you prefer your donation be used where needed.

### 2. Make Checks Payable to Town of Wheaton

☐ Check Box if you want your donation to remain anonymous.

### 3. Mail Donation Form and Check To

Ken Books  
Town of Wheaton Parks Commission Chair  
1121 40<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Our project will have 2 phases and to help keep Wheaton Park aesthetically pleasing with ornamentation that goes together below are the different donation levels that have been setup along with example pictures. We will start with Phase 1 which will focus on areas around lower pavilion and lower ball fields. Once Phase 1 is fully completed we will begin Phase 2 which will focus on areas around upper pavilion and upper ball field.

Donation Level	Phase 1 Needs	Phase 2 Needs
Bushes (Weigala, Spirea, Hydrangea)	11	3
Shrubs (Dogwood, Lilac)	3	0
Trees (Maple, Elm, Fruitless Flowering Crab)	16	3
Picnic Table (Wood)	2	3
Bench (8' Metal in Ground)	8	9



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