

# WHEATON BULLETIN

## Summer 2024 Edition

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The Wheaton community is growing in more ways than one with a lot of awesome amenities as a direct result of our amazing residents, businesses, partnerships, volunteers, and township employees. With growth comes change that results in continued new challenges requiring everyone to work together to find common ground as we progress forward.

**“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” –Anne Frank**

With town services, fire department, town hall, park full of recreation amenities, majorly renovated boat landing, cemeteries, world class trout stream, and upcoming ATV/UTV routes there is always something surely happening in Wheaton!

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGES

January 2024 brought some unexpected changes to the Town of Wheaton local government.

1. Town Chair Bob Sworski resigned and since then the position has remained vacant as the Town Board continues searching for candidates to fill the remainder of the term until April 2025.
2. Alice Droske as Town Vice Chair has continued to handle Town Chair responsibilities during this time period. The Town Vice Chair is selected from the existing Town Supervisors.

If you are interested in becoming the Town Chair please do the following:

- 1.) Contact any of the Town Supervisors or Town Clerk for consideration of appointment.
- 2.) Submit your resume via email to Town Supervisors and Town Clerk ahead of time or bring 5 copies to the Town Board Meeting being held on July 9, 2024 at 7PM.
- 3.) All candidates must attend the Town Board Meeting being held on July 9, 2024 at 7PM.

## TOWN GOVERNMENT

The Town of Wheaton currently has three commissions (Plan Commission, Parks Commission, and Fire Commission) and from time to time can create specific citizen committees to research and analyze more strategic long term town initiatives. One important part of our commissions and committees is citizen involvement and so we are always looking for residents/property owners that want to be involved in local government.

The Plan Commission assists in the development and updating of ordinances, conditional use permits, and Town of Wheaton comprehensive plan. The Plan Commission consists of seven members: Dale Hayden (Chair), Tom Piercy (Vice Chair), Mary Rudd (Secretary - Town Board Representative), Jessi Jones (Deputy Secretary), Sara Hinz, Ron Kragness, and Mike McGinley. The 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 Town Hall at 6:00 pm.

The Parks Commission aids in the development and maintenance of Wheaton Park (63 acres) and boat landing in the township. The Parks Commission consists of seven members: Ken Books (Chair), Jenny Schutte (Vice Chair), Jan Dole (Secretary/Treasurer), Becky McInnis (Deputy Secretary/Treasurer), Cesar Arauz, Mark Kohls, and Aaron VanHove. The 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, Chair, or Clerk 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. Meetings are once per month, on the fourth Tuesday held at 7:00 pm.

The Fire Commission consists of three members: Vacant (Chair), Taylor Quinnell, and Jessi Jones. The terms are for 3 years and staggered each year, with one member's term expiring each year. Appointment to the commission is by the Town Chair, with board approval. The Fire Commission meets quarterly, with additional meetings when necessary. The main purposes of the Fire Commission are to review procedures of Wheaton Fire & Rescue, conduct disciplinary hearings for Fire personnel, and ensure the Department is serving the citizens and visitors of Wheaton Township as effectively as possible. If you are interested in an appointment to the Fire Commission, please contact any Town Supervisor, Chair, or Clerk to add your name to the list.

Commissions and committees are just one part of town government then there are all the parts of town government functions and issue resolution. To help residents and businesses with government functions and issue resolution the town board put together the below areas of focus listing that shows both primary and backup contacts for each area. Contact information is on the TOWN OF WHEATON website. Click on GOVERNMENT. Click TOWN DIRECTORY or go to <https://townofwheaton.com/town-contacts/>

	<b>Areas of Focus - Local Government Functions/Issues</b>	<b>Primary Contact</b>	<b>Backup Contact</b>
1	Boat Landing	Ken Books	Vacant
2	Cemetery	Brian Anderson	Mary Rudd
3	Driveways	Lenny Schneider	Alice Droske
4	Fire Department	Adam Blaskowski	Luke Heier
5	Firework Permits	Adam Blaskowski	Luke Heier
6	Groundwater	Alice Droske	Carolyn Kaiser
7	Ordinances	Dale Hayden	Tom Piercy
8	Park	Ken Books	Jenny Schutte
9	Recycling Center	Alice Droske	Mary Rudd
10	Rentals	Ken Books	Vacant
11	Roads	Alice Droske	Lenny Schneider
12	Town Hall	Ken Books	Vacant

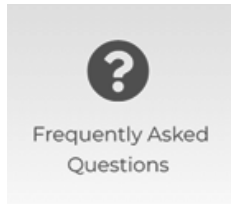
	<b>Areas of Focus - Boards, Commissions, Committees, Meetings</b>	<b>Primary Contact</b>	<b>Backup Contact</b>
1	ATV/UTV Meetings	Paul Krumenauer	Mary Rudd
2	Chippewa County Highway Department Meetings	Mary Rudd	
3	City of Chippewa Falls City Council Meetings	Vacant	
4	Chippewa - Eau Claire MPO Committee Meetings	Alice Droske	Vacant
5	Chippewa - Eau Claire TAC Committee Meetings	Alice Droske	Vacant
6	DNR Water Quality Advisory Committee	Carolyn Kaiser	Alice Droske
7	Community Well Drilling Ad Hoc Committee	Alice Droske	Carolyn Kaiser
8	Corridor T Committee	Alice Droske	Vacant
9	Country Jam Committee	Vacant	Alice Droske
10	Town of Wheaton Fire Commission	Vacant	Taylor Quinnell
11	Town of Wheaton Parks Commission	Ken Books	Jenny Schutte
12	Town of Wheaton Plan Commission	Dale Hayden	Tom Piercy
13	Utility Commission	Alice Droske	Carolyn Kaiser
14	Visit Eau Claire	Mary Rudd	Ken Books
15	West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) Meetings	Vacant	Alice Droske

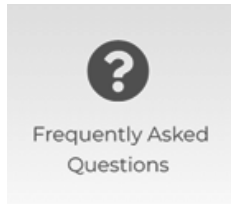

## **WEBSITE**

We continue to add new information and features to our website <https://townofwheaton.com> every month so please let us know what additional items you would like to see on the website. Examples of available information: Town board and commission member contact information, town directory, frequently asked questions (FAQ's), ordinances and bylaws, town budget, road updates, cemetery information, recycling center information, parks and recreation information, community information, County Highway T corridor project, and much more.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

The Town of Wheaton website has a frequently asked questions page that allows citizens to use self-service and get their questions answered even quicker.



1. Simply click on  from the homepage.
2. Search for your question then click on the  to show the answer.

## WEBSITE SUBSCRIBE FEATURE

The website also has a “Subscribe” feature that allows residents and non-residents to stay better informed via email or text on meeting agendas and news & notices postings right when they are posted to the website!

How do you sign up for the “subscribe” feature?

1. Click on Subscribe in upper right corner of the website homepage




2. Fill in required fields (Noted with \*)
3. Choose topics you want to stay informed on
4. Select your notification method
5. Click on Subscribe at bottom of the page to submit your information
6. A confirmation page will display upon completion

## WEBSITE TOWN BOARD MEETINGS VIDEO FEATURE

For years the Town of Wheaton has embraced technological improvements as we continue to streamline operations and provide better ways of conducting business with the different town government areas. One of those technological improvements is the town board meeting video recordings. If residents/property owners are unable to attend town board meeting(s) they can simply view the meetings a couple days after the meeting at a time that works best for them.

By clicking on the town board meeting View video link, it will launch the Town of Wheaton YouTube channel and ask you to sign-in with a Google account.

### Town Board

Meeting Date	Agenda	Agenda Packet	Meeting Minutes	Audio	Video	Additional Documents	Notes
2023-11-14	 Agenda				<a href="#">View video</a>		

## FACEBOOK FEATURE

The Town of Wheaton Government has launched a Facebook Government Organization page called Town of Wheaton – Chippewa County, Wisconsin for the purpose of “Government Communication” in order to keep citizens better informed. As part of our Facebook implementation, we have also linked the Town of Wheaton website to our Facebook page so website news & notices and meeting agendas will be available from our Facebook page. Since this is a “Government Communication” page all commenting will be turned off on government posts per Wheaton Town Board on October 11, 2022.

**Feel free to ‘Like Town of Wheaton – Chippewa County, Wisconsin’ and Stay Connected!**



### Town of Wheaton - Chippewa County, Wisconsin

25 likes • 42 followers



✉ Send Email

👍 Liked

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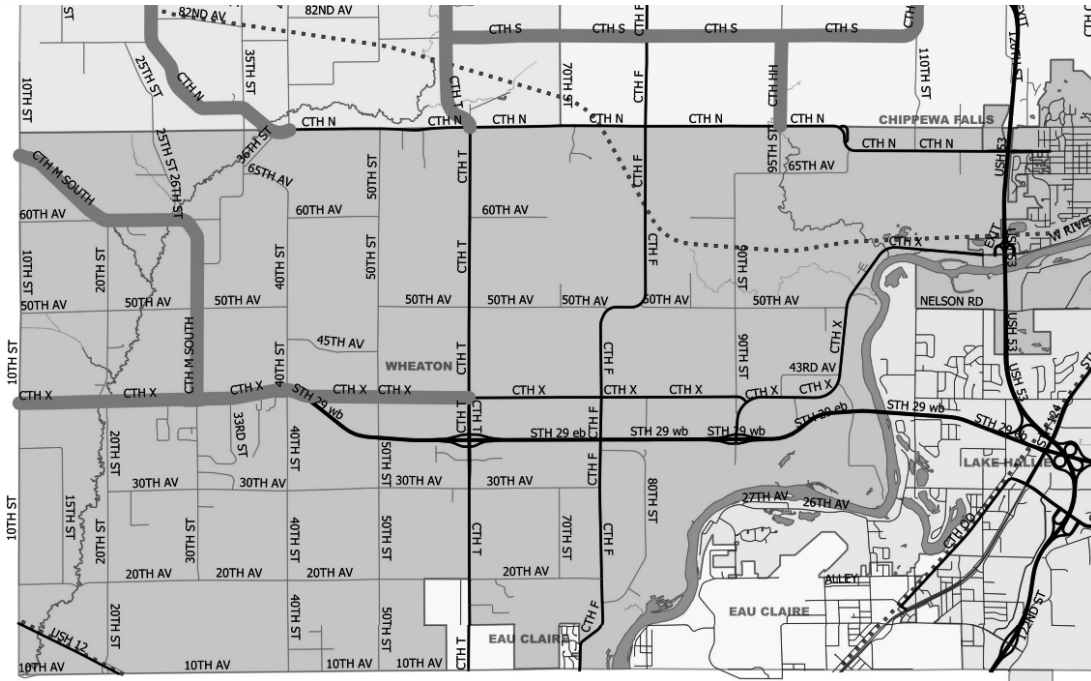
## ROADS

With 83 miles of township roads, which is more roads to maintain than most rural townships in the state, and being 100% paved there are certainly challenges. Road replacement costs for 1 mile are \$200,000+ and we need to get 40-80 years out of existing roads based on current funding levels. We continue to pursue ways of prolonging road lifecycles along with pavement and ditch maintenance to maximize the number of improvements to the roads for the available funds. Part of the long term solution will be continued road chip seal and crack patching cycles in order to extend road lifecycles. Plus there are several other ideas being discussed and tested before just turning to a tax levy increase. Road work for 2024 has been bid, approved, and even some is already completed. To see a complete listing of affected roads go to <https://townofwheaton.com/road-updates/>.

## NEW ATV/UTV ORDINANCE

We are pleased to announce the Wheaton Town Board approved at their March 19, 2024 meeting **opening all Town of Wheaton roads to ATV/UTV traffic**. Also, the Chippewa County Board approved at the March 12, 2024 meeting opening all County highways as 16 ATV/UTV routes except for high traffic highways which the Town of Wheaton has some County highways that fit high traffic criteria. The map below shows opened

Chippewa County highways in the Town of Wheaton highlighted in gray (due to non-color printed newsletter). This map is also available in color on the website at <https://townofwheaton.com/ordinances-resolutions/> under Chapter 45. The website shows opened Chippewa County highways in the Town of Wheaton highlighted in green.



When this initiative started the goal was to provide Town of Wheaton residents with access to ATV/UTV routes where possible while also having an ordinance that promotes safety for all users on the roads. These decisions were not taken lightly and contained ordinance research, review of routes in other surrounding townships, traffic study, along with extensive discussion and collaboration with Wheaton Plan Commission, Wheaton Town Board, Chippewa County Highway Committee, and Chippewa County Board levels to put all of this together.

The newly adopted ordinance Chapter 45 Designation of ATV/UTV Routes and Regulation of ATV/UTV Operation has been placed on the Town of Wheaton website under Government Ordinances and Resolutions.

<https://townofwheaton.com/ordinances-resolutions/>

Please take a few minutes to review the new ordinance in full detail and here are some key highlights:

- Daylight operation only. One half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.
- All operators MUST have a valid Wisconsin driver's license.
- The maximum speed limit is 45 mph unless the posted speed on the road is lower.
- All ATV/UTV must have liability insurance.
- Open intoxicants or controlled substances are NOT allowed while operating on Town of Wheaton roads.
- All ATV/UTV operations are limited to the paved portion of the road only. ATV/UTV should be in a single file.

We understand this ordinance is more restrictive than other ordinances out there; however, the Town of Wheaton also has very different traffic patterns plus ordinances can always be amended in the future. We strongly recommend all ATV/UTV operators on Town of Wheaton roads review Town of Wheaton Chapter 45 ordinance in full detail and that all ATV/UTV operators using Chippewa County highways in the Town of

Wheaton also review Chippewa County ordinance Chapter 58 in full detail. We have included a link to Chippewa County ordinance Chapter 58 on the Town of Wheaton website under the Government Ordinances and Resolutions page.

The overwhelming success of this ordinance and ATV/UTVs on Town of Wheaton roads and Chippewa County highways will come down to responsible operation and voluntary compliance with regulations. After a long time in the making, we certainly would appreciate everyone doing their part to ensure this is a successful positive change for the Town of Wheaton.

Final steps are installing all the necessary signage to comply with all applicable ATV/UTV laws on roads. Signage on Town of Wheaton roads is being sponsored by individual donations and the Chippewa Valley ATVers Club. There is no signage cost to the taxpayers. Once all signage is installed, we will provide another update informing ATV/UTV users the approved roads are now open for ATV/UTV traffic.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

We presently have 30 volunteers on the roster. We would like to have closer to 40 volunteers actively participating in this rewarding activity. Most calls are for things other than structure fires. Off road rescues, car crashes, snowmobile incidents, downed power lines, searches, water incidents, and brush fires are just a few of the things dealt with. Medical first responding is the largest part of the fire department responses, with transport ambulances and paramedics coming from Eau Claire or Chippewa Falls. Call the fire station or contact any member of the fire department for more information. Training is provided!

The department is a paid-per-call, all-volunteer department. The fire station is at 3900 38<sup>th</sup> St, Elk Mound and is within the Wheaton Park. It is not a manned station. If you have an emergency, **dial 911 to contact the County Dispatch center**. They page out the firefighters as needed. For non-emergency calls, only, you can dial 715-874-6597 and leave a message. **A return call or action will be made as soon as possible.** You may also send a message to the department through Facebook.

## **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 <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/openburning/> for burning regulations and several fine articles about the alternatives to burning.

Fire danger information can be found at the following:

Go to Wisconsin DNR Interactive Fire Danger Map at <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/>

1. and click on Chippewa County.
2. Drive past Wheaton Park / Wheaton Fire & Rescue frontage road sign along Wisconsin 29 South Frontage Road. This is checked and maintained daily.
3. Follow Wheaton Fire & Rescue on Facebook.

If you burn, please be careful. You can be responsible for all costs associated with 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.





# Wheaton Fired-Up Day

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**

**Wheaton Town Park - 3900 38th Street - Elk Mound, WI**

***The Fun Starts at 3 PM***

**Food & Beverages Available  
Gun Raffles, Pull Tabs, 50/50, Bucket Raffle**

**3:00 - 7:00 PM**



**Kids Activities  
&  
Safety  
Demonstrations**



**BORDERLINE  
Band  
5 PM - 10 PM**

**Free  
Admission**

**Fireworks  
at Dusk**



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Questions: [firedup@wheatonfirerescue.org](mailto:firedup@wheatonfirerescue.org)

## CLEAN GROUNDWATER

Groundwater provides drinking water entirely or in part for as much as 50% of the global population and accounts for 43% of all water used for irrigation. The Town of Wheaton continues to work in support of clean drinking water for all residents. It is important to note that the threat to clean water is lawn fertilizers, septic systems, and agriculture fertilizers and waste. Septic systems are not designed to filter out nitrates. They are designed to break down bacteria.

The Town of Wheaton has sponsored a Well Sampling Project since 2019. This has been offered to residents every year except 2020 during the pandemic. Results from the four years of testing provide baseline information that will help in the following ways:

- Assists the Township, Chippewa County, and U.W. Stevens Point Central Wisconsin Groundwater Center with documenting the current and changing conditions of groundwater in order to provide education, public information, applied research, and technical assistance in addressing groundwater issues.
- Helps residents monitor their wells for changes in groundwater so actions can be taken if needed.
- Provides information to other Chippewa County government and UW agencies on how soils, well depths, and changes in land use practices affect groundwater.

**Continued and expanded residents testing has shown the Town of Wheaton has high nitrate areas. Boiling water will not reduce nitrate levels.** In fact, it could make the level of nitrate slightly higher because some of the water will evaporate, however, the nitrate will remain. High levels of nitrates in water can affect everyone such as causing birth defects, blue baby syndrome, thyroid disease, and may increase the chance of colon cancer. High nitrate levels are 10 mg/L and higher.

***We recommend annual testing of your water, as groundwater can change!***

There are multiple ways to address nitrates in groundwater. Some can be quicker and more expensive while others could require more time and be less expensive. **There is no one solution that will solve every groundwater issue experienced!**

1. Reduce nitrate causing uses.
2. Septic system inspections.
3. Changes in land use practices. There are several winter agricultural cover crop initiatives going on in the Town of Wheaton and Chippewa County.
4. Using bottled water.
5. Installing reverse osmosis system.
6. Installing a new well. We strongly urge residents to reach out to Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Management and U.W. Stevens Point Central Wisconsin Groundwater Center for assistance before proceeding forward with this option.

Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Management (LCFM) formed an AD HOC Well Program Committee which is led by Lynda Schweikert, Dept. Chair of LCFM. The money comes from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the Federal Government.

Supervisors Alice Droske and Carolyn Kaiser represent Wheaton on this committee. Other members include representatives from the U.W. Stevens Point (Groundwater Education Specialist), environmental engineers, DNR, Geologists, and Chippewa County Public Health.

**Wheaton will have a “Community Well” in the summer of 2024.** The Community Well is located in the upper parking lot area at Wheaton Park. People who have high nitrates or wish to use this Community Well may do so at their convenience. Please watch for a notice on the Town of Wheaton website for more information when the well is completed.

Once the Community Well is completed, people will be able to obtain one water jug free of charge from Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Management (LCFM). LCFM is located in the Chippewa County Courthouse, 711 N. Bridge St., Chippewa Falls, WI, Room 011, phone number 715-726-7920, email: [lcd@chippewacountywi.gov](mailto:lcd@chippewacountywi.gov) The Chippewa County Courthouse hours are Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Friday 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Supervisors Carolyn Kaiser and Alice Droske are planning to do nitrate testing at the Wheaton Town Hall in September 2024.

At the time of this writing, the Town of Wheaton has received maps in regards to water flow, areas of the township where wells have been tested and levels of nitrates in varying areas. There are numerous causes of why your nitrate level may be high. The key point is, we want everyone to be healthy.

Be watchful for visuals as maps will be posted, watch the Town of Wheaton website, come to a town board meeting with questions, and get your water tested.

There are two local companies that will do nitrate testing for free, and there may be others. Gibson Water Care and Culligan’s also have technicians that can guide you with options available, if you choose, such as reverse osmosis.

Please see the TOWN OF WHEATON website. Click on GOVERNMENT. Click GROUNDWATER INFORMATION. Listed there are links to "Groundwater Testing", "Town of Wheaton Nitrate Levels Map", and other "Resource Links" with regards to clean groundwater.

## **DOG LICENSE INFORMATION**

**Per Wisconsin Statute, all of your dogs over five months of age must be licensed. The annual fee for licensing is as follows:**

- Spayed or neutered dogs - **\$8.00**
- Unspayed or unneutered dogs - **\$13.00**
- Multiple dogs for up to 12 tags - **\$60.00**
- Each additional tag for multiple dogs in excess of 12 - **\$7.00**

**PROOF OF CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION IS REQUIRED. WITHOUT PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION, A LICENSE WILL NOT BE ISSUED.**

## **PENALTIES**

You will be charged a minimum late fee of \$25.00 for each dog five months of age or over who is unlicensed by April 1st of each year, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership on or before the dog reaches licensable age. If you fail to have your dog vaccinated against rabies as required by statute, you may be required to forfeit not less than \$50.00 or more than \$100.00.

**THE WISCONSIN STATE STATUTES REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DOG OWNERSHIP IS AS FOLLOWS:**

- (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 or older, or 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. All dogs must be kept on the owner's premises and under the 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, a completed application form (available on our website under "Frequently Asked Questions", proof of vaccination, plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:**

Town of Wheaton Treasurer  
4975 County Highway T  
Chippewa Falls WI 54729  
715-874-5501

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

The Dog Catcher for the Township is Kari Arauz. Contact Kari at 715-450-6365 or you can email at [Wheaton.DogCatcher@gmail.com](mailto:Wheaton.DogCatcher@gmail.com). **Kari deals with dogs only.** 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 2023 - 2024**

As a friendly reminder, if you paid the first installment of your 2023 property taxes in December or January, the 2nd installment is due to Chippewa County by July 31, 2024. If you paid your 2023 property taxes in full, this reminder does not apply to you.

The Chippewa County Treasurer will mail you a tax statement regarding the remaining amount owed, which is due on or before July 31, 2024. Please make the payment check payable to:

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

**If you wish to have a payment receipt mailed to you, please enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope. The returned check from your bank can also serve as your receipt.**

## WHEATON RECYCLING CENTER

2429 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET

ELK MOUND, WI 54739

<https://townofwheaton.com/recycling-center/>

## Attendant:

Patrick Rudd

Facility: 715-874-6271

### DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

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

**\*\*FOR TOWN OF WHEATON RESIDENTS ONLY\*\***

### 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 the compactor. Trash bags for the compactor can be purchased from the attendant.
- Large items & materials go into the large construction dumpsters.
- Metal items go into metal dumpsters.
- Aluminum cans go into the small wire cage.
- Any items that go into the Construction Dumpsters MUST be approved by the attendant before dumping.
- Styrofoam is not accepted.

**PRICE LIST:** We have also included this information on the website under Recycling Center information.

### DEMOLITION MATERIALS

Full size pickup (Level full) minimum	\$50.00	Dehumidifiers	\$20.00
Small pickup (level full) minimum	\$28.00	Refrigerators	\$20.00
8 foot trailer with 3 foot sides (min)	\$50.00	Freezers	\$20.00
Larger trailers or overflowing pickup (Ask!)		Dishwashers	\$15.00
Sofa couch	\$20.00	Microwaves (metal dumpster)	Free
Large chairs	\$15.00		
Small chairs	\$12.00	10 Blue Wheaton Bags	\$40.00
Mattress or box springs (small)	\$12.00	White Kitchen Bags (13 gal)	\$ 1.00
Mattress or box springs (large)	\$20.00	Black or Brown Large Bags	\$ 5.00
Burn barrels	\$10.00	Hide a bed couch	\$25.00
Air conditioners	\$20.00		

### TIRES

Small trailer, car & small pickup	\$ 3.00	Larger than 22.5"	\$20.00
16" to 17"	\$ 6.00	Tractor under 28"	\$25.00
18" to 19"	\$ 13.00	Tractor 28" or larger	\$40.00
20" to 22.5"	\$ 15.00	End Loader type	\$60.00
Tires with rims	add \$ 5.00		

### RECYCLABLES

Batteries Free - Put on pallet

#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 – They go into the metal roll off dumpster.

There are a few businesses in the area that accept appliances for free. Ask the attendant. When in doubt, ask the ATTENDANT! It is Patrick.

### **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

**Hazardous Materials (includes Paint, Light Bulbs, and Chemicals of all kinds) are NOT accepted.** Residents must save hazardous materials and take them to Chippewa County Clean Sweep held in the Spring and Fall or take them to an area business that will recycle them properly.

**Household Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep** - Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 8AM - Noon

Location: Northern WI State Fairgrounds 225 Edward Street Chippewa Falls

**VSQG (Very Small Quantity Generator) Clean Sweep** - Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 10:30AM - 1:00PM

For businesses and schools with pre-registration required.

Location: Northern WI State Fairgrounds 225 Edward Street Chippewa Falls

For more information go to [www.chippewacountywi.gov](http://www.chippewacountywi.gov)

**Electronics (includes TVs, Computers, VCRs, Printers, and Monitors) are NOT accepted.** Residents can take them to First Choice at 525 Park Ridge Drive Suite 1 Eau Claire, WI 54703. Phone number is 715-833-2005.

Please NOTE: Hazardous materials and electronics recycling area businesses may charge a fee.

**Yard Waste and Brush are NOT ACCEPTED!**

## **TOWN PARK**

### **What is the Wheaton Parks Commission?**

The Parks Commission aids in development and maintenance of Wheaton Park (63 acres) and boat landing in the township. 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.

**The Wheaton Town Park is located at 3900 38th Street, Elk Mound. A second park entrance is located right across the street from 3601 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Elk Mound.** Improvements continue to be made as volunteers and funding becomes available.

Wheaton Park was very fortunate again for Earth and Arbor Day this year to have a collaborative project between Elk Mound School District 4<sup>th</sup> Grade classes, Parks Commission, Plan Commission, and Department of

Natural Resources that brought 100 new white pine trees to the 40<sup>th</sup> Street field. Students were able to learn about trees, planting techniques, mulching, and caring for trees after being planted. Thank you to everyone involved with this project and it is great to see trees being planted after the Wheaton Tornado in 2019 took so many from our community. Big thank you to Parks Commission Member Mark Kohls for helping lead the tree planting!

Wheaton Park Little Free Library "Take a Book. Share a Book." has books for all ages! It really is that easy:

1. "Take a Book" for reading in the park or other places. Anyone may take a book - neighbors, park visitors, even passersby - the books are always free!
2. "Share a Book" for others in the Little Free Library. Book donations are welcome at this Little Free Library!

Located next to the tennis court parking lot by the trail map.



In 2023 the Town of Wheaton partnered with Chippewa County and West Central Regional Planning Commission to update the Chippewa County and Town of Wheaton Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans. For the Town of Wheaton, the updated plan included: an inventory of current Town of Wheaton recreational opportunities and infrastructure, an outdoor recreation needs assessment, recommendations, and future action plan.

The outdoor recreation needs assessment focused on 3 areas:

1. Space Needs—Whether or not there is adequate land or open space to serve the needs of the population.
2. Service Needs—Whether or not outdoor recreational sites are adequately located to serve the needs of the community.
3. Activity/Amenity Needs—Whether or not the existing, available park lands allow for a specific, desired recreational activity or amenity.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The future action plan does not guarantee that all listed improvements will be made, but helps identify future priorities for Town-owned facilities as citizen demand and funding is made available through allocation, grants, or partnership opportunities.

The new Chippewa County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan which includes the Town of Wheaton was finalized in late 2023 and can be viewed at <https://townofwheaton.com/parks-recreation/>.

Check out the new walking trail added to the trail system in 2023. Outfield Pass connects the bottom of the sledding hill/Mounder trail to Oak Knoll field/gravel parking lot. Just look for the trail marker signs with Outfield Pass!

You can view trail map at the park trail entrances or at <https://townofwheaton.com/parks-recreation/>

## INTERESTING RECREATION TIDBITS

**Check out Wheaton Park Geocache!** Geocaching is the recreational activity of hunting for and finding a hidden object by means of GPS coordinates posted on a geocaching website. This provides a way for groups and citizens to learn about the environment and help clean it up. Cache in and trash out is a common slogan of geocachers. Thank you to the groups and citizen volunteers for bringing this new adventure to Wheaton Park!

## PARK INTERESTING FACTOIDS

Wheaton Park Butterfly Garden was developed in 2021 in partnership with a Chippewa Valley Master Gardeners grant in order to further conservation efforts in the park and provide monarch conservation that helps with monarch migration in North America. The butterfly garden is located on the east side of 38th Street when entering the park and has a wide range of different plant species that are tagged for educational purposes. Plus, there is a picnic table and bench for seating!

The butterfly garden is a registered Monarch Waystation. Learn more on monarch conservation at [www.MonarchWatch.org](http://www.MonarchWatch.org) Look for the Monarch Waystation sign!





Interested in helping with park projects? Contact any Parks Commission member.

Feel free to 'Like Wheaton Parks & Recreation' on Facebook and Stay Connected!

## 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 <https://townofwheaton.com/parks-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.

With warm weather and opening day for Wisconsin fishing behind us we wanted to remind residents about major boat landing renovations to include boat launch replacement, new public dock, better handicap parking/accessibility, and security lighting being completed in 2023 which will greatly improve your boating experience in the Town of Wheaton. Plus, there are no fees to use the new boat launch.



**Reminder: For the safety of all park/boat landing users and pursuant to**

**Wis. Stat. §167.30 – 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 has 2 phases and to help keep Wheaton Park aesthetically pleasing we have selected the donation level options. Phase 1 focuses on areas around the lower pavilion and lower ball fields while Phase 2 focuses on areas around the upper pavilion and upper ball field.

Do you have an idea for another area of the park or boat landing? Use our park improvement option and work with the Parks Commission.

**A big thank you to everyone that has donated with your help we have raised \$9,524 (72%) of our \$13,250 Phase 1 & 2 goal since the ornamentation project started!**

**2024 will be the final year for the ornamentation project!!**

Interested in DONATING? See the attached Wheaton Park Ornamentation Donation Form. Additional information is located at <https://townofwheaton.com/wheaton-park-ornamentation-project-campaign/>

## TOWN HALL RENTALS

Town hall rental rates are listed on the town hall reservation application. Rates vary depending on the applicant's residency status.

Go to <https://townofwheaton.com/rentals/>



Check Town Hall Amenities and Available Tables/Chairs



Check Town Hall Availability



Download Reservation Application/Check Rental Rates  
Removal



Rentals Responsible for Cleanup & Garbage

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## NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

We value your opinion! Feel free to provide newsletter feedback at <https://townofwheaton.com/contact-us/> or contact any Town Board member. Are there topics you would like to see added to the newsletter?

# 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's 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 \_\_\_\_ TREE \_\_\_\_

\*OTHER PARK IMPROVEMENT \_\_\_\_ EXPLAIN PARK IMPROVEMENT \_\_\_\_\_

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

**4. All donations given are reviewed/accepted by Wheaton Parks Commission before donation work can start.**  
Wis. Stat. § 60.66

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\*Want to donate a different park improvement let's work together on the project to ensure park short- and long-term goals are met.

Donation Level	Cost (Per Donation)	Phase 1 Needs	Phase 2 Needs
<b>Bushes (Weigala, Spirea, Hydrangea)</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Trees (Maple, Elm, Fruitless Flowering Crab)</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Park Improvement</b>			

Please Note: Due to continued market fluctuations in material costs your donation may not cover the entire cost; however, donations received as "use where needed" will be allocated to offset the cost difference.







## TOWN OF WHEATON Dog License Application

Certification of vaccination record from your veterinarian must accompany this form.

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of your dog license & receipt.

Owner's Name:
Owner's Address:
Owner's Telephone Number:
Name of Veterinarian:

All dogs 5 months or older must be licensed. \$25 late fee for dogs over 5 months not licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. If submitting your payment with property taxes, a separate check MUST be submitted.

Fees: Neutered or Spayed: \$8  
 Not Neutered/Spayed: \$13  
 Multiple Dogs (up to 12): \$60

Dog's Name:	Dog's Name:
Breed:	Breed:
Color:	Color:
Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Neutered/Spayed: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Neutered/Spayed: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Rabies Vaccination: / /	Date of Rabies Vaccination: / /
Rabies Serial #:	Rabies Serial #:

Dog's Name:	Dog's Name:
Breed:	Breed:
Color:	Color:
Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Neutered/Spayed: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Neutered/Spayed: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Rabies Vaccination: / /	Date of Rabies Vaccination: / /
Rabies Serial #:	Rabies Serial #:

**Mail form, proof of vaccination, self-addressed stamped envelope, and check to:**  
**Town of Wheaton Treasurer**  
**4975 County Hwy T**  
**Chippewa Falls, WI 54729**