

WHEATON BULLETIN

Winter 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.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – **Coretta Scott King**

With town services, fire department, town hall, park full of recreation amenities, majorly renovated boat landing, cemeteries, world class trout stream, and some of the best snowmobile trails in Chippewa County there is always something surely happening in Wheaton!

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGES

This fall brought some unexpected changes to the Town of Wheaton local government.

1. Bob Sworski is the new Town Chair appointed to fill out the remainder of Steve Harmon's Town Chair term.
2. Alice Droske is the new Town Vice Chair. In order to improve operational continuity and for the betterment of the Town of Wheaton local government a Town Vice Chair was established to fill in if a vacancy occurs with Town Chair. The Town Vice Chair is selected from the existing Town Supervisors.
3. Carolyn Kaiser is a new Town Supervisor appointed to fill out the remainder of Bob Sworski's town supervisor term.

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), Sara Hinz, Jessi Jones, Ron Kragness, Mike McGinley, and Mary Rudd (Town Board Representative). Secretary and Deputy Secretary to be set at the next meeting. 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 7:00 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: Mark Brunner (Chair), Dale Hayden, and Steve Dybvik. 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/>

	Areas of Focus - Local Government Functions/Issues	Primary Contact	Backup Contact
1	Boat Landing	Ken Books	Bob Sworski
2	Cemetery	Brian Anderson	Mary Rudd
3	Driveways	Lenny Schneider	Bob Sworski
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	Bob Sworski
11	Roads	Bob Sworski	Lenny Schneider
12	Town Hall	Bob Sworski	Ken Books

	Areas of Focus - Boards, Commissions, Committees, Meetings	Primary Contact	Backup Contact
1	ATV/UTV Meetings	Paul Krumenauer	Mary Rudd
2	Chippewa County Highway Department Meetings	Mary Rudd	

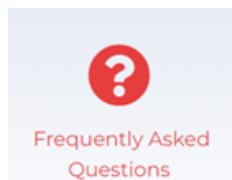
3	City of Chippewa Falls City Council Meetings	Bob Sworski	
4	Chippewa - Eau Claire MPO Committee Meetings	Alice Droske	Bob Sworski
5	Chippewa - Eau Claire TAC Committee Meetings	Alice Droske	Bob Sworski
6	Community Well Drilling Ad Hoc Committee	Alice Droske	Carolyn Kaiser
7	Corridor T Committee	Alice Droske	Bob Sworski
8	Country Jam Committee	Bob Sworski	Alice Droske
9	Town of Wheaton Fire Commission	Mark Brunner	Dale Hayden
10	Town of Wheaton Parks Commission	Ken Books	Jenny Schutte
11	Town of Wheaton Plan Commission	Dale Hayden	Tom Piercy
12	Utility Commission	Alice Droske	Carolyn Kaiser
13	Visit Eau Claire	Mary Rudd	Ken Books
14	West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) Meetings	Bob Sworski	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				View video		

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

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ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Spring Election for the Town of Wheaton will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 from 7:00am to 8:00pm, the following officers are to be elected:

A TOWN SUPERVISOR, for a term of two years to succeed the term of Alice Droske, which will expire on the 16th day of April, 2024.

A TOWN SUPERVISOR, for a term of two years to succeed the term of Mary Rudd, which will expire on the 16th day of April, 2024.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2023, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Contact the Town Clerk for nomination papers, or obtain them from the following website: <https://elections.wi.gov/forms>. 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 20, 2024.

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.

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. Plans are already in motion for 2024 road work.

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 38th 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 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.



Wheaton Fired-Up Day

We would like to say:

THANK YOU

To everyone who attended Wheaton Fired-Up Day 2023!

Because of you, we were able to raise funds to purchase equipment and supplies to keep our members and the greater Wheaton community safe.



Mark your calendars!

Wheaton Fired-Up Day 2024

Saturday, September 21, 2024

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.

Committee meetings are held at the County courthouse and open to the public. 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, get your water tested, and/or attend an AD HOC Committee meeting at the Chippewa County Courthouse.

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: (See Real Estate Tax info below for further info)

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” or on the back page of this newsletter), 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. **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, 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, 2024. A January 31, 2024, postmark will be accepted. Please include your phone number on the check. 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.

Submitting your payment(s) is as easy as 1, 2, or 3.

1. Drop your payment(s) in the secure drop-box at the Town Hall. It is located just to the left of the town hall entrance.
2. Drop your payment(s) at the Town Hall during in-person treasurer hours on:

Thursday, December 28, 2023 from 3PM – 7PM

Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 3PM – 7PM

3. Mail payment(s) to:

**Jan Dole, Town of Wheaton Treasurer
4975 County Highway T
Chippewa Falls WI 54729**

Please do NOT mail the first half or full payment property tax payment to the Chippewa County Treasurer BEFORE the January 31, 2024 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, 2024. Please make the second 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.

Dog Owners: Please remember to send a separate check for your pet and tax payment, along with the application form, rabies vaccine information, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**WHEATON RECYCLING CENTER
2429 20TH 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

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	10 Blue Wheaton Bags	\$40.00
Small chairs	\$12.00		

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.

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

The Wheaton Town Park is your one stop for Winter fun! From sledding to ice skating to snowshoeing to snowmobile trail access. It is located at 3900 38th Street, Elk Mound. A second park entrance is located right across the street from 3601 40th Street, Elk Mound. Improvements continue to be made as volunteers and funding becomes available. In 2023 the following improvement projects were completed at the park:

- For Earth and Arbor Day this year a collaborative project between Elk Mound School District 4th Grade classes, Parks Commission, Plan Commission, and Department of Natural Resources brought 100+ new pine trees to the 40th Street field. Students were able to learn about trees, planting techniques, mulching, and caring for trees after being planted.

- A new trail was added to the trail system called Outfield Pass that connects the bottom of the sledding hill/Mounder trail to Oak Knoll field/gravel parking lot.
- Donations were received for bench and tree additions. A bench was placed by the Pine Grove Loop trail overlooking the original park. A second bench was placed on the trail system along the Town Corridor trail. Trees will be planted in the spring.
- This year we were fortunate to receive 2 boy scout eagle projects and 1 girl scout take action project in the park. These scouts must raise 100% of the project funds through their own fundraising efforts and any project funds left over are given to the Town of Wheaton to offset future maintenance costs.
 - BSA Troop 71 Elk Mound
 - Grady Larson's Eagle Scout Project was a sled borrowing station and bench at the sledding hill.
 - Shawn Pinder's Eagle Scout Project was a Little Free Library "Take a Book. Share a Book." 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!

This new park feature will be available year-round as the little free library is located next to the tennis court parking lot by the trail map. This parking lot is plowed during the winter season. To learn more visit <https://littlefreelibrary.org/map/>

- Girl Scout Troop 3365 Elk Mound
 - Ella Books and Evelyn Sarbeck's Take Action Project was adding a bench to the ice-skating rink for adults to enjoy watching their kids ice skate and for trail users to have a spot to relax and enjoy Wheaton Park nature.

We greatly appreciate and thank all the volunteers and community groups that make Wheaton Park such a gem in our community. Thank you!

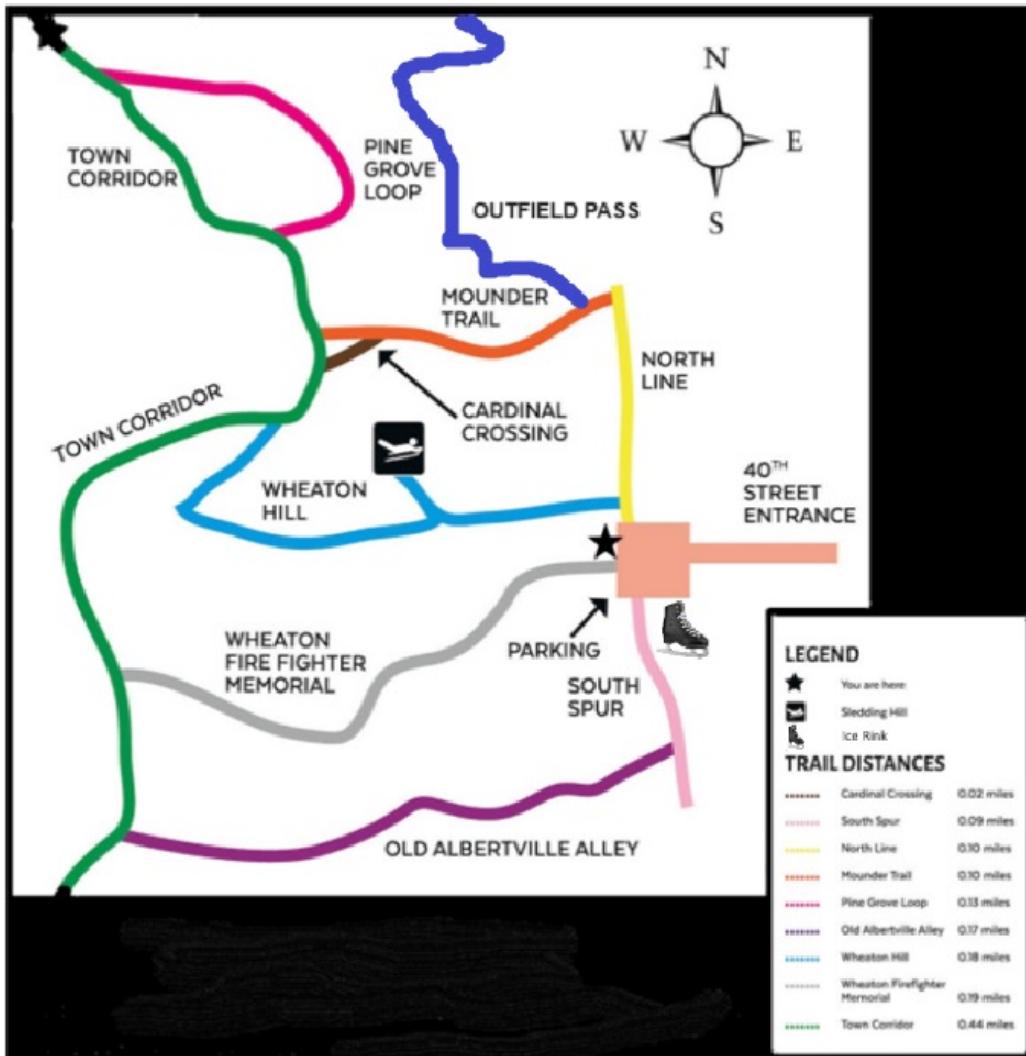
Interested in helping with park maintenance and projects? Contact any Parks Commission member.

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

INTERESTING RECREATION TIDBITS

Did you know Wheaton Park has direct access to the Chippewa County snowmobile trail system along with parking for your truck and trailer? We absolutely do! Parking and snowmobile trail access is available at 40th Street park entrance. The snowmobile trail will run from the parking lot along the southernmost trail (Old Albertville Alley trail) and then connects to State Trail 33 or Wheaton Trail upon exiting the park property. Many thanks to the Wheaton Knight Riders for putting up and taking down snowmobile trail signage in the park!

PLEASE NOTE: Snowmobile trail no longer runs past the Wheaton Fire Station and crosses State Highway 29.



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 or call Ken Books at 715-874-6414.

TOWN BOAT LANDING INTERESTING FACTOIDS

The Wheaton boat landing broke ground back in 1985 as a partnership project between the Town of Wheaton and Department of Natural Resources. The property was purchased from the Ralph Liddell farm. In the Wheaton archives we found Arley Engel President of Wheaton Parks and Planning Commission set out to make

Wheaton history by giving citizens public access to the Chippewa River right in the Town of Wheaton. Total project cost was \$6,145.00 which included 1000' x 20' roadway, 250' x 150' parking lot, 10' of cement planks, concrete approach, and labor. Funding for part of the project was through the County Conservation Aids program with Chippewa County being a sponsor. Mission accomplished Arley Engel and the other Wheaton Parks and Planning Commission members! Fast forward to 2023 and Wheaton boat landing with all the latest improvements is no doubt a definite gem of Chippewa River access.

TOWN BOAT LANDING

The Wheaton Town Boat Landing is located at 3001 106th Street, Chippewa Falls.

It has been a busy 2023 as major boat landing renovations to include boat launch replacement, new public dock, better handicap parking/accessibility, and security lighting were completed. There are no fees to use the new boat launch. Go check it out and watch for our ribbon cutting ceremony in 2024!

The Town of Wheaton was awarded by the Wisconsin Waterways Commission in August 2022 a Department of Natural Resources Recreational Boating Facilities (RBF) Grant for the maximum amount of 50% of the estimated project costs!



**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 \$9,324 (70%) 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/>

WHEATON BALL LEAGUE

Hard to believe baseball season is less than 5 months away! Wheaton Ball League will begin its 46th season in 2024 and start accepting registrations in January. The program is for boys and girls ages 4 – 14 and consists of the following program levels: T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Minors, Majors, and Ponys. Regular season runs from mid-April – June.

T-Ball Registration closes April 1, 2024. All Other Program Levels Registration closes mid-March 2024.

For program information go to <https://townofwheaton.com/wheaton-ball-league/>.

Feel free to 'Like' Wheaton Ball League on Facebook. For any questions email Wheaton.Ball@hotmail.com or call 715-874-6414.

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

To schedule town hall rentals, you can also email wheatonpark@gmail.com or call Ken Books at 715-874-6414.

VISIT EAU CLAIRE UPDATE

Dear Residents of the Town of Wheaton,

Did you know that your beautiful town is now represented by Visit Eau Claire for tourism promotion? We are excited to be the official tourism partner for Wheaton, and we are committed to showcasing all the wonderful experiences your town has to offer.

At Visit Eau Claire, we understand the importance of promoting the unique charm and attractions of Wheaton to visitors from near and far. We believe in the potential of your community and are dedicated to sharing its hidden gems and cultural treasures with the world.

One way we accomplish this is through the allocation of room tax dollars. These funds are used to support marketing efforts that highlight Wheaton's natural beauty, local businesses, and special events. By working together, we can attract more visitors to your town, bolster the local economy, and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

But, we'd love your help! If you are a resident or a business owner in Wheaton and you have upcoming events, special promotions, or anything exciting happening in your community, we want to hear about it. We invite you to reach out to us at marketing@visiteaucouaire.com. This way, we can help spread the word and share your initiatives with potential visitors who might be looking for fantastic experiences right here in Wheaton.

We believe that the heart of any community lies in its people and their unique stories. Your input and collaboration are invaluable to us, and we look forward to partnering with you to make Wheaton a top destination for travelers and a source of pride for its residents.

Thank you for your continued support, and we can't wait to help you showcase all that Wheaton has to offer. If you have any tourism questions, development projects, or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

*Benny Anderson
Executive Director
Visit Eau Claire
benny@visiteaucouaire.com*

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 _____ SHRUB _____ TREE _____ PICNIC TABLE _____ BENCH _____

*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 40th 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

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.

*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
Bushes (Weigala, Spirea, Hydrangea)	\$50	9	3
Trees (Maple, Elm, Fruitless Flowering Crab)	\$200	12	3
Park Improvement			

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.

WHEATON PARKS COMMISSION

Leave your mark in Wheaton Town Park.

Wheaton Town Parks Commission is excited to offer you the opportunity to become a permanent part of the park. By donating a brick, you can help provide playground equipment that can be used all year.

Personalize your brick with your name, a message, or a memory of a loved one! All bricks will be installed in a designated brick garden located near the lower pavilion.

All proceeds will be used in purchasing playground equipment.

4x8 Bricks

Two color choices: Lighthouse Gray and Nutmeg

- 3 lines of 18 character personalization
- 3 lines of 10 character personalization with graphic available on left or right side (includes spaces and punctuation)



4x8 Lighthouse Gray Sample Brick



4x8 Nutmeg Sample Brick w. Graphic

Font Options

Seven fonts to choose from

- Arial
- Arial Italic
- Comic Sans
- Helvetica
- Papyrus
- Times New Roman
- UERMARCO

Contact Information

Contact for questions:

Becky McInnis

715-225-3992

wheaton.parkcommissionf@gmail.com



Ken Books - Town of Wheaton Parks Commission Chair

1121 40th Street, Eau Claire, WI

To order online please visit:

thatsmybrick.com/wheatonparks

Order Form

	Character Limit:		
	w. out Graphic	w. Graphic	Donation
<input type="checkbox"/> Lighthouse Gray Brick	3 lines of 18	3 lines of 10	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Nutmeg Brick	3 lines of 18	3 lines of 10	\$150
Font Option:	<input type="checkbox"/> Arial	<input type="checkbox"/> Arial Italic	<input type="checkbox"/> Comic Sans
	<input type="checkbox"/> Helvetica	<input type="checkbox"/> Papyrus	<input type="checkbox"/> Times New Roman
	<input type="checkbox"/> UERMARCO		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Donation			\$_____

\$15 Custom Graphic Fee (if applicable)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Bricks provided by:



Custom Graphic (if applicable): _____

Graphic Position: Left Right

Payment Types: Cash, Check, Money Order, or Credit Card

Order online at: thatsmybrick.com/wheatonparks

Checks made out to: **Town of Wheaton**

Drop off your donation to: **Ken Books - Town of Wheaton Parks Commission Chair**
1121 40th Street
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Total

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 1st. 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