

WHEATON TOWN NEWS ~ SUMMER 2022

WELCOME and VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT – <https://townofwheaton.com>

Welcome to the Town of Wheaton newsletter for “SUMMER 2022”. There are lots of things happening in our township. Wheaton has some amazing residents and wonderful neighbors. It is a great place to live with easy access to several metropolitan areas. From agricultural activities, expansion of existing and new businesses, construction on new residential lots, road improvements, Wheaton Park enhancements, operation of a top-notch recycling facility, and to a world class trout stream with improvements, the Town of Wheaton is progressing forward! 2020 through 2021 has been a challenging. Pandemic complications have affected everyone’s life and livelihood. Wheaton is weathering this storm in the same “can do it” fashion that everyone expects from our township.

WEBSITE SUBSCRIBE FEATURE

The Town of Wheaton website has a ton of information like town contacts, town meeting calendar, meeting agendas/minutes, government plans, additional resources, and services such as Parks & Recreation, Cemetery, and Recycling Center. 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 CONTACTS

Great News! We have made locating town contacts even easier on the website. The website has three ways to locate contact information.

Town Directory Option

- 1.) Click on Town Directory on the website homepage.



Town Directory

- 2.) Follow Directory Listing instructions.

DIRECTORY LISTING

Click on the "Alphabet Letter" below and it will go directly to that alphabet letter page or simply scroll down to the desired alphabet letter.

Town Contacts are Categorized by Last Name

Town Departments are Categorized by First Name

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Departments Menu Option

- 1.) Go to the Departments menu and select the desired department.



Contact Us Option

- 1.) Go to the Contact Us menu and fill in the contact us form and submit.

2.) We will route your request to the appropriate town contact.

PLAN COMMISSION

The Wheaton Planning Commission has completed the COMPREHENSIVE PLAN for the Town of Wheaton. You may find this by going to TOWN OF WHEATON website, click on GOVERNMENT, click on CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR 2021-2041 - ADOPTED MAY 11, 2021.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The newly established **Wheaton Fire and Rescue** began service to the township on 1/1/21 at 12:00am. Go to the Facebook page of the same name. There you will find a monthly report on Service Calls that were completed, along with other timely information about emergency calls, activities, events, and educational topics. **Like the page to stay connected!** For the Calendar year of 2021, the department responded to 138 calls for service. That is approximately 3 calls per week being handled by volunteers!

We presently have 25 volunteers on the roster. We would like to have 40 volunteers actively participating in this rewarding activity. Come join the group. Most calls are for things other than structure fires. Off road rescues, car crashes, snowmobile incidents, downed powerlines, 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 any Town Board member for more information and sign up soon. 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 actions will be made as soon as possible. You may also send a message to the department through Facebook.

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 number of improvements to the roadways for the available funds.

CLEAN GROUND WATER

The Wheaton Plan Commission acted following the Comprehensive Plan questionnaire. Ninety-two percent of the residents of the township responded that protecting groundwater was a high priority for them. The Plan Commission worked with the Town Board and Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Management to collectively bring cost effective nitrate testing to Wheaton residents.

On Saturday, April 9, 2022, Wheaton Plan Commission members Alice Droske and Carolyn Kaiser were at the town hall to pass out the kits. Thank you to the 46 residents who not only picked up the kits, but followed

through and did the testing. People in all corners of the township were represented in having their wells tested. The Township Website has a map which shares the general locations of these test results.

There are a couple 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 in options available, if you chose.

Thank you for working with your neighbors toward a cleaner water source. "Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible."

You can contact Chippewa County Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management at the Court House in Chippewa Falls, WI. Go to Room 11 and ask for a Water Test Kit, fill out the form enclosed, and drop the box in the mail.

Please see the TOWN OF WHEATON web site. 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 ground water.

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Our township maintains a website at <https://townofwheaton.com/>. We continue to add new information and features so 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 Town Hall 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 2022 Partisan Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Offices and candidates appearing on the ballots will be announced at a later date. You can go to <https://myvote.wi.gov> for additional information.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Wisconsin General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

Wheaton electors may vote at the Wheaton Town Hall located at 4975 County Highway T, Chippewa Falls, WI. 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.

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:

Laura Hayden, Town of Wheaton Treasurer
4975 County Highway T
Chippewa Falls WI 54729
715.874.5982

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

The Dog Catcher for the Township is **Roger Fagerland**. Contact him at **715-497-0804** or you can email him at 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 2021-2022

As a friendly reminder, if you did not pay your real estate taxes in full prior to January 31, 2022, a 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, 2022. Please make the second payment check payable to:

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

WHEATON RECYCLING CENTER

2429 20TH STREET

ELK MOUND, WI 54739

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

Contacts:

Roger Fagerland: 715-861-3933

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 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: 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	Blue Wheaton Bags (single)	\$4.00
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	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 – 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 Larry!

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

No Hazardous Materials (includes Paint, Light Bulbs, and Chemicals of all kinds) or Electronics (includes TVs, Computers, Printers, and Monitors) are accepted. Residents must save and take to Chippewa County Clean Sweep held in the Spring and Fall or take them to an area business that will recycle them properly. Please NOTE: Area businesses may charge a fee.

Yard Waste and Brush 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 <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/openburning/> for burning regulations and several fine articles about the alternatives to burning. Also note that Wheaton Fire and Rescue has replaced the Park and fire department sign along Highway 29. It now includes the WDNR outdoor burning risk assessment. It is checked and maintained daily.

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.

TOWN HALL RENTAL

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

✓ Rentals Responsible for Cleanup & Garbage Removal

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

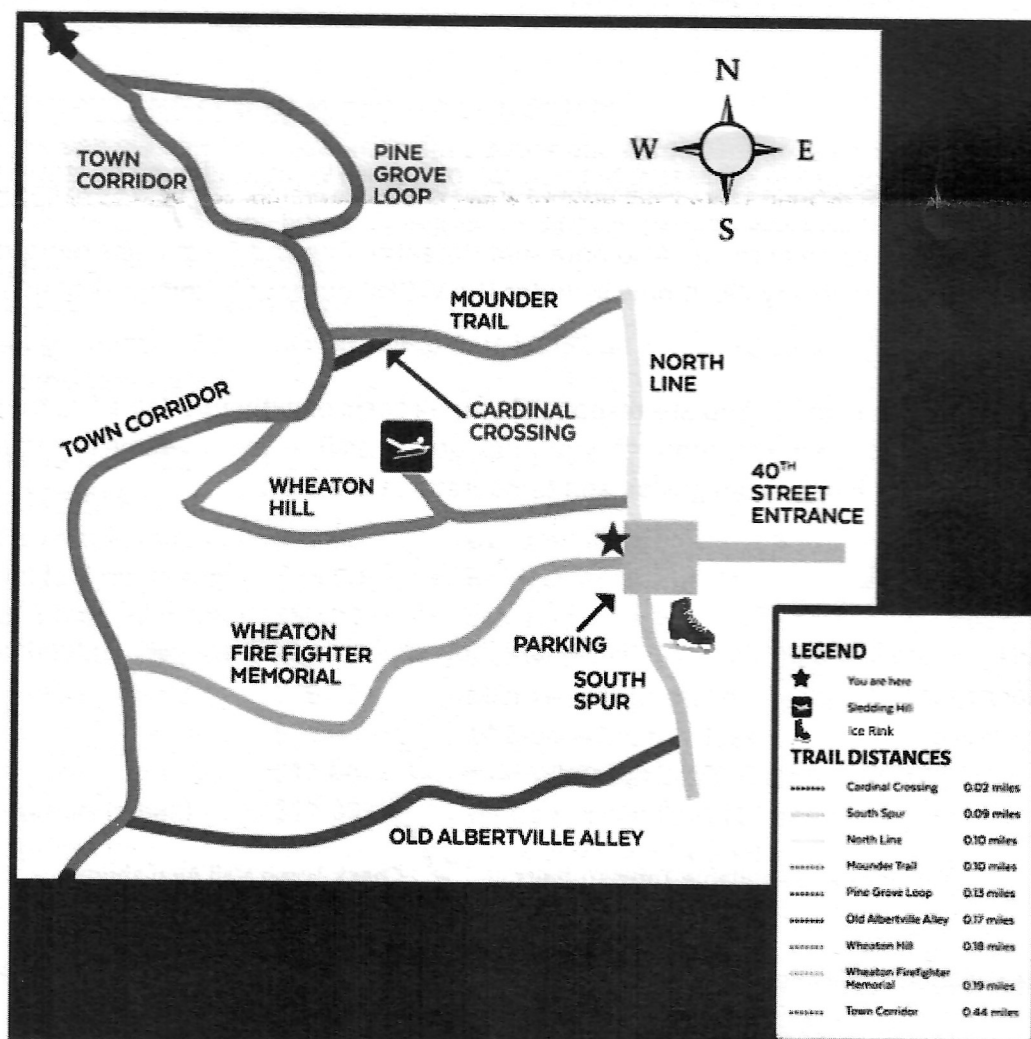
TOWN PARK

The Wheaton Town Park 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. So far in 2022 the following improvement projects were completed at the park:

1. Trail markers were added to the park trails to aid park users.
2. Prairie View Field received pitching warm-up areas thanks to the Wheaton Ball League.
3. In a collaborative project between the Parks Commission, Wheaton Ball League, and Wheaton businesses and families the Prairie View Field received a 4' x 9' scoreboard that was 100% paid for through scoreboard specific donations from Custer Farms, Chippewa Valley Grain, and Wheaton Ball League & Families. The new scoreboard looks awesome and a BIG shoutout "THANK YOU" to those that helped make this a reality in Wheaton Park whether through donations or installation labor!! Future park improvements will hopefully bring a scoreboard to Longview and Oak Knoll fields too.

Thank you to all the volunteers and community groups that help with Wheaton Park!! We certainly have a gem in our community.

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



PARK INTERESTING FACTOIDS

Wheaton Park has 3 baseball fields with names that came from the Town of Wheaton history archives. Longview, Prairie View, and Oak Knoll were all Wheaton Township schools prior to the 1960s. In fact, both Longview (20th Avenue between 30th and 40th Street) and Prairie View (20th Avenue and County Highway T) still stand in the township today. Even the field banners that display those names have a picture of Longview school on them.

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

The Wheaton Town Boat Landing is located at 3001 106th Street, Chippewa Falls. A DNR Recreational Boating Facilities grant application was submitted by June 1, 2022 deadline to address the boat ramp, add boat dock and security lighting, and provide handicap accessibility to the new dock.

Next steps for the project:

1. Receive approval on DNR permit application for the project.
2. DNR reviews all grant submissions and determines list to present to the Waterways Commission in August.

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

INTERESTING RECREATION TIDBITS

The Town of Wheaton has Elk Creek State Public Fishing Area for great trout fishing! Located on 20th Street between State Highway 29 and 30th Avenue. It is also home to the Elk Creek Trout Stamp and Sports Fish Restoration Project which started in 2000 and completed the entire 2,430 feet in just two months.

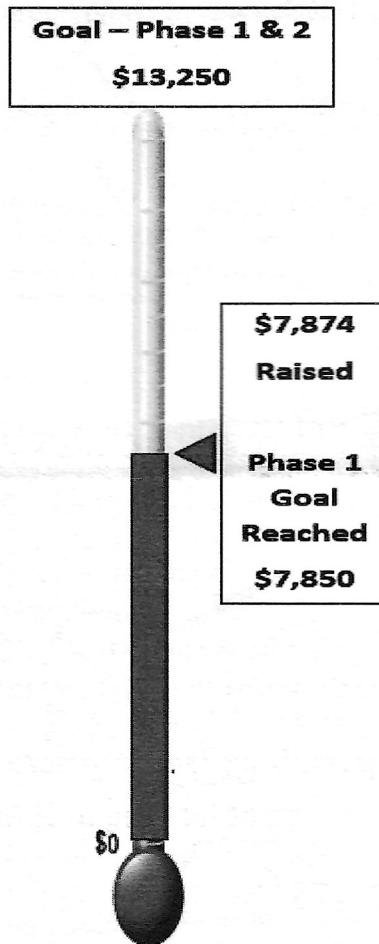
WHEATON PARK ORNAMENTATION PROJECT CAMPAIGN

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.

A big thank you to everyone that has donated with your help we have raised \$7,849 (99%) of our \$7,850 Phase 1 goal since the ornamentation project started!

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



NOT FAR FROM IT ALL



Wheaton Fired-Up Day

Saturday, September 24, 2022

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

The Fun Starts at 3 PM

Food & Beverages Available

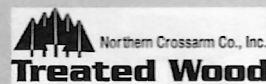
Gun Raffles, Pull Tabs, 50/50, Bucket Raffle

3:00 - 7:00 PM

**Kids Activities
&
Safety
Demonstrations**



Fireworks Sponsored By:



Free Admission



BORDERLINE

Band

5 PM - 10 PM



www.facebook.com/WheatonFireandRescue
Questions: firedup@wheatonfirerescue.org



Posters Donated By:



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 _____

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

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	Cost (Per Donation)	Phase 1 Needs	Phase 2 Needs
Bushes (Weigala, Spirea, Hydrangea)	\$50	9	3
Shrubs (Dogwood, Lilac)	\$100	1	0
Trees (Maple, Elm, Fruitless Flowering Crab)	\$200	8	3
Picnic Table (Wood)	\$350	2	1
Bench (8' Metal in Ground)	\$500	1	8

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 Park Winter Activities Survey

The Wheaton Parks Commission is conducting a survey on the park's winter activities. This survey is aimed at gathering the opinions and preferences of residents and park users to help guide future decisions for the park. The form can be filled out online at:

Please submit only one survey per person 18 years of age or older.

Responses due by August 31st, 2022



1. What type of winter park activities are most important to you?

- ☐ Cross Country Skiing Trails
- ☐ Ice Skating (Available)
- ☐ Sledding/Snowboarding (Available)
- ☐ Snowmobile Trail Access (Available)
- ☐ Snowshoeing (Available)
- ☐ Other _____

4. Any other comments or suggestions?

2. How often did you use the park for winter activities this last year?

- ☐ New to Town of Wheaton
- ☐ 0 Times
- ☐ 1 - 2 Times
- ☐ 3 - 5 Times
- ☐ 6 or More Times

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. Wheaton Township Resident?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. What winter activity amenities would you like to see added?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please mail survey back to: Jenny Schutte, Wheaton Park Commission, 9073 County Highway N, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 or return survey to the mailbox located at the Wheaton Fire Station, 3900 38th Street, Elk Mound, WI 54739