

WHEATON BULLETIN

Summer 2025 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.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." –Margaret Mead

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

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGES

April elections brought some changes to the Town of Wheaton local government.

1. Vacant Town Chair position was filled with the election of Eugene Gutsch to a term of 2 years.
2. Town Supervisor position vacated by Carolyn Kaiser was filled with the election of Mark Kohls to a term of 2 years. Mark Kohls was a member of the Parks Commission. We thank Carolyn Kaiser for her years of service to the Plan Commission and Town Board!
3. Town Treasurer position vacated by Jan Dole was filled with the election of Misty Miller to a term of 2 years. We thank Jan Dole for her years of service as Town Treasurer. Jan continues to serve on the Parks Commission as Secretary/Treasurer.
4. Town Supervisor Ken Books was re-elected to a new 2-year term.
5. Town Clerk Scott Deutscher was re-elected to a new 2-year 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), 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 about an opening or 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, Aaron

VanHove, and Vacant Position. 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 about an opening or 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: Taylor Quinnell (Chair), Jessi Jones (Secretary), and Paul Krumenauer. 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 about an opening or 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 → TOWN DIRECTORY or go to <https://townofwheatonwi.gov/town-contacts/>

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

	Areas of Focus - Boards, Commissions, Committees, Meetings	Primary Contact	Backup Contact
1	ATV/UTV Meetings	Paul Krumenauer	N/A
2	Chippewa - Eau Claire MPO Committee Meetings	Eugene Gutsch	Vice Chair
3	Chippewa - Eau Claire TAC Committee Meetings	Eugene Gutsch	Vice Chair
4	County Highway T Corridor Committee	Alice Droske	Eugene Gutsch
5	Town of Wheaton Fire Commission	Taylor Quinnell	Jessi Jones
6	Town of Wheaton Parks Commission	Ken Books	Jenny Schutte
7	Town of Wheaton Plan Commission	Dale Hayden	Tom Piercy
8	Utility Commission	Alice Droske	Mark Kohls
9	Visit Eau Claire	Mary Rudd	Ken Books

WEBSITE

We continue to add new information and features to our website <https://townofwheatonwi.gov> every month. 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.

NEW IN 2025

In May the website went live with a new technology upgrade along with a new name, look, and feel to it!

New website name is townofwheatonWI.gov

We will still keep townofwheaton.com website address available due to Town of Wheaton signage; you will simply be redirected to the new website if you type in townofwheaton.com. We encourage residents and businesses to update their browser bookmarks.

Why did we change the name?

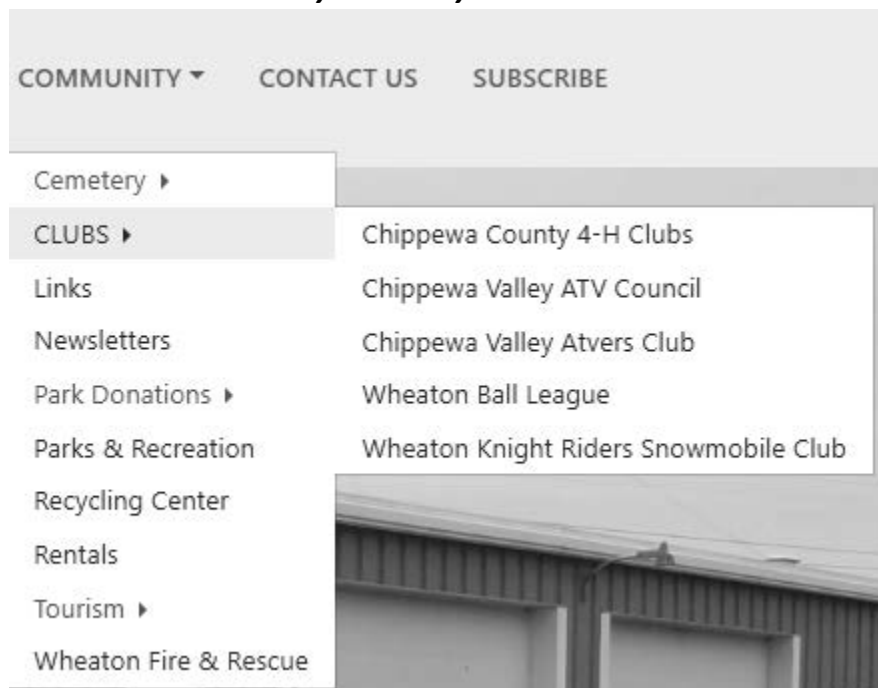
1. .Gov helps the public identify official and trusted information.
2. Only verified US government organizations can register a .gov domain.
3. .Gov domains are critical infrastructure for governments at all levels by supporting access to public services.

4. Security best practices and continuous improvements for .gov domain holders.
5. Requirement for adopting Town of Wheaton email addresses with @townofwheatonWI.gov in the future.

We kept overall website functionality like menu structure and information pages the same while adding new features like menu consolidations, additional quick menus, picture slideshows, and better formatting to show page links to click on.



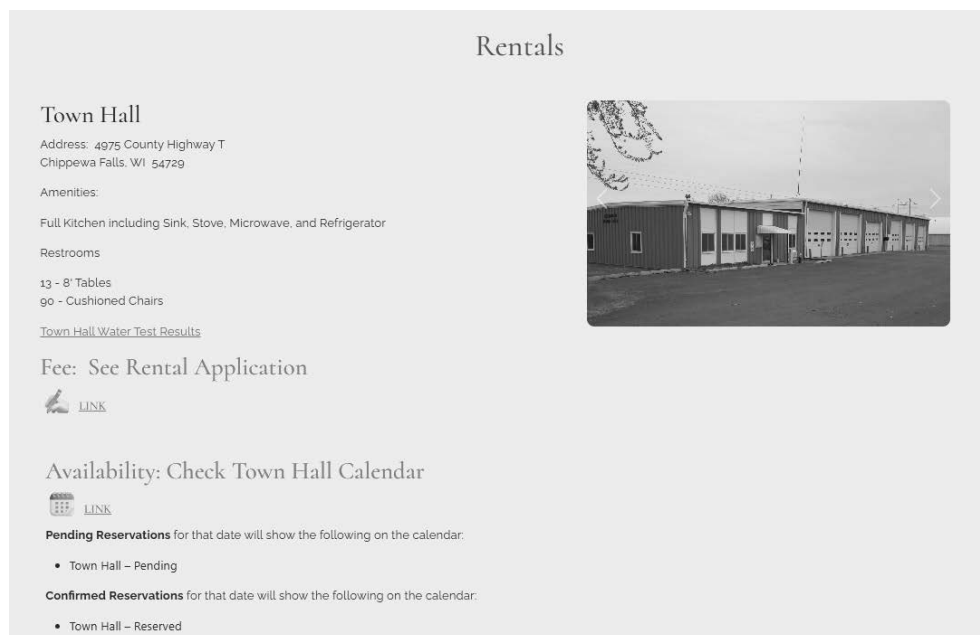
Menu consolidations made overall menu navigation easier. Simply look for the ▸ and click on the menu option to keep the submenu available while you select your submenu item.



The new homepage quick menu allows for easier access to commonly used government information.



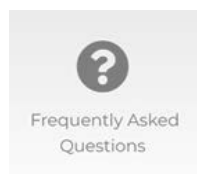
Incorporating picture slideshows for Parks & Recreation and Rentals along with better formatting on all pages using red and blue font colors with underlining to show page links to click on provided a more interactive and user friendly experience.



We hope you enjoy our new website!

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

25 likes • 42 followers



✉ Send Email

👍 Liked

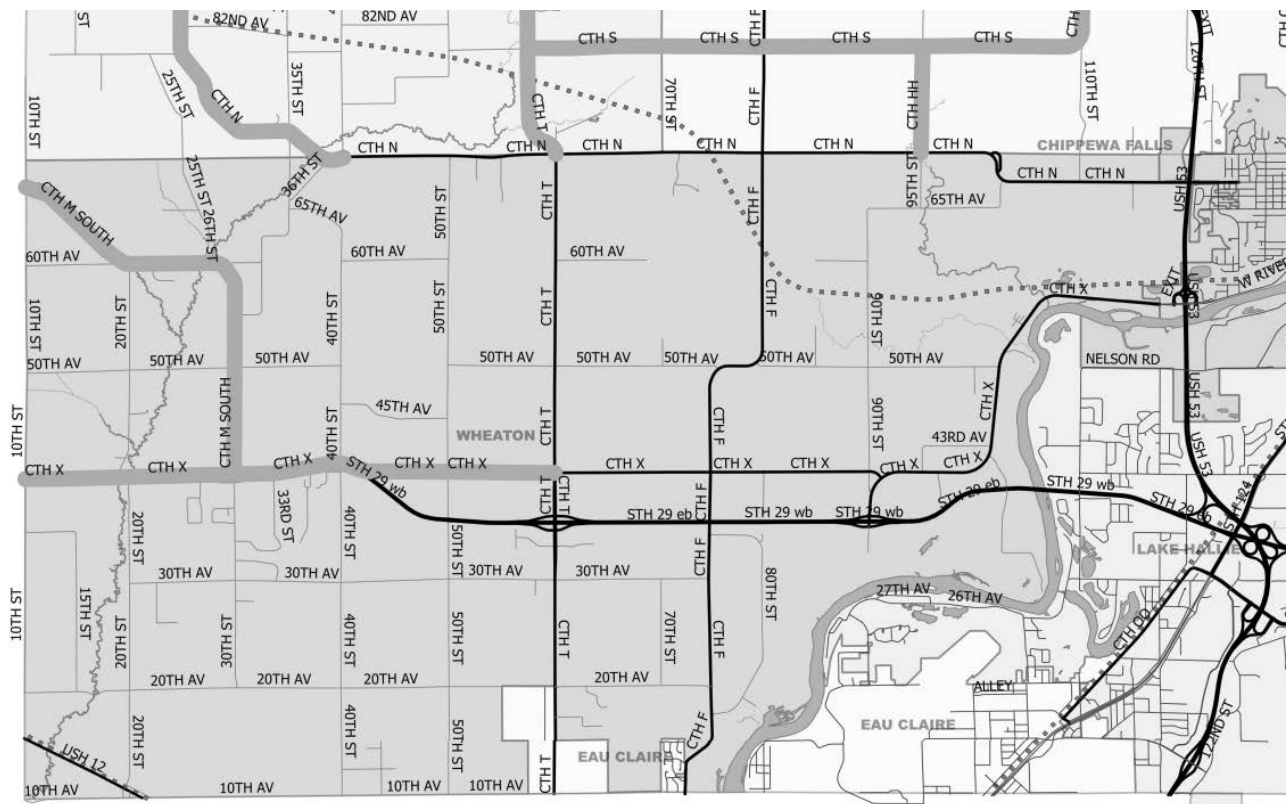
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ROADS

With 80+ 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 \$225,000+ 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 2025 has been bid, approved, and even some is already completed. To see a complete listing of affected roads go to <https://townofwheatonwi.gov/road-updates/>.

ATV/UTV ORDINANCE

The Wheaton Town Board approved opening all Town of Wheaton roads to ATV/UTV traffic last year. Also, the Chippewa County Board approved opening some County highways last year 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://townofwheatonwi.gov/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 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://townofwheatonwi.gov/ordinances-resolutions/>

Please take a few minutes to review the 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

If you have an emergency, **dial 911 to contact the County Dispatch center.**

We presently have 28 volunteers on the roster, with our goal of having 40 members actively participating in this rewarding activity. Most calls are for things other than structure fires. Offroad rescues, car crashes, snowmobile incidents, downed power lines, searches, water incidents, and grass fires are just a few of the things dealt with. Medical first responding is the largest part of the fire department responses, with paramedic transport ambulances coming from Eau Claire or Chippewa Falls depending on where the call is. For more information contact any member of the fire department, leave a message at the fire station (715-874-6597), or visit www.wheatonfirerescue.org for an application. Training is provided! The department is a non-staffed paid-per-call, all-volunteer department, located at 3900 38th St, Elk Mound.

For non-emergency issues only, you can dial 715-874-6597 and leave a message. **A return call or action will be made as soon as possible.**

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 articles about the alternatives to burning. Fire danger information can be found at <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/> or check the fire danger sign near the frontage road by the station. If you burn, please be careful. You can be responsible for all costs associated with a fire that you started that has gotten out of control. Burn only when sufficient moisture exists (rain and/or snow cover) in the area, winds are light (under 7 mph maximum gusts), and temperatures are cool.



Wheaton Fired-Up Day

Saturday, September 13, 2025

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



Free Admission



The Blue Pill

Band

5 PM - 10 PM



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

CLEAN GROUNDWATER

Wheaton has a Community Well! 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. There is no cost for using the community well.

Supervisors Alice Droske and Mary Rudd are planning to do nitrate testing at the Wheaton Town Hall this year (2025). Watch for a postcard in the mail and a posting on our website.

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. Use the **community well** located in the upper parking lot of the Wheaton Park.

7. 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.

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 → 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: Six to Twelve - **\$60.00** (six dogs required kennel license)

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**

DOG LICENSE CHANGES - EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2025

After a thorough review over the last 6 months of all dog associated expenses, revenues, plus changes implemented in 2024 to reduce expenses we can no longer continue to fund the over 40% shortfall in revenue versus expenses with the general fund. Resolution 2025-02 was adopted by the Town Board on June 10, 2025 to increase dog license fees effective December 1, 2025. We have included the resolution below for full transparency.

Town of Wheaton

Chippewa County

Resolution 2025-02

A resolution to increase dog license fees in the Town of Wheaton, Chippewa County

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheaton is responsible for issuing dog licenses and maintaining accurate records for all dogs with the township limits, as mandated by state law, county ordinance, or applicable legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, dogs more than 5 months of age such be licensed by April 1 of each year or within 30 days of acquiring ownership on or before the dog reaches licensable age.

WHEREAS, the costs associated with town animal control officer, Chippewa County Humane Society, licensing, and processing need to be priced to sustain operation of these services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Wheaton, as follows:

1. Effective December 1, 2025 the annual license fees for dogs with the Town of Wheaton will be adjusted as follows:
 - a. Spayed/neutered dogs: \$12.00
 - b. Unspayed or unneutered dogs: \$18.00
 - c. Multiple dogs: Six to Twelve: \$60.00 (six dogs required kennel license)
 - d. Each additional tag for multiple dogs in excess of 12: \$10.00
2. Late Fees/ Penalties:
 - a. WI Statue: responsibly of ownership and fines will match state statue
 - b. 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 30 days of acquiring ownership on or before the reaches licensable age.
 - c. If you fail to have your dog vaccinated against rabies as required by statue, you may be required to forfeit not less than \$50.00 or more than \$100.00
 - d. If the owner permits a dog to run at large, they shall forfeit not less than \$25.00 or more than \$100.00 for first offense and not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$200.00 for subsequent offenses.

ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Wheaton 10th day of June 2025

DOG CATCHER INFORMATION

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. ***We are actively looking for a new dog catcher at Kari's request. If interested in this position please contact any Town Supervisor, Chair, or Clerk.***

CHIPPEWA HUMANE ASSOCIATION

The Town of Wheaton has a contract with the Chippewa Humane Association. The residents of Wheaton can bring in a STRAY for no charge since that fee is being covered by the township contract. If it is a SURRENDER, meaning the resident is the owner of the cat or dog, they charge a surrender fee; however, because the township has a contract with them, the surrender fee is considerably less. Please tell the Chippewa Humane Association that you are a resident of the Town of Wheaton when dropping off a stray or surrendered animal.

REAL ESTATE TAX INFORMATION FOR 2024-2025

As a friendly reminder, if you paid the first installment of your 2024 property taxes in December or January, the 2nd installment is due to Chippewa County by July 31, 2025. If you paid your 2024 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, 2025. 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 20TH STREET

ELK MOUND, WI 54739

<https://townofwheatonwi.gov/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
Sectional couch	\$40.00	Microwaves (metal dumpster)	Free
Hideabed couch	\$25.00		
Sofa couch	\$20.00		
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		
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, October 11, 2025 from 8AM - Noon

Location: Northern WI State Fairgrounds 225 Edward Street Chippewa Falls

VSQG (Very Small Quantity Generator) Clean Sweep - Thursday, October 9, 2025 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

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 CEMETERY

The Town of Wheaton owns 2 cemeteries that have plots available for purchase.

- Rumery Cemetery located on 103rd Street Chippewa Falls that was established in 1863.
- McCombs Cemetery located on 20th Avenue Eau Claire that was established in 1871.

Cemetery information can be found on the website at <https://townofwheatonwi.gov/> under Community → Cemetery → Select McCombs or Rumery



The new cemetery sexton is Brian Anderson. We could not thank Helene Anderson enough for her decades of service to the Town of Wheaton as cemetery sexton. For any cemetery questions please contact Brian Anderson at (715) 874-5190 or email wheaton.towncemetery@gmail.com

TOWN PARK

The Wheaton Town Park known as Wheaton 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.

Park Amenities:



Ball Fields/Batting Cages



Basketball Court



Butterfly Garden



Gaga Ball



Ice Skating Rink



Picnic Areas



Playground Equipment



Reservable Pavilions



Sledding Hill



Snowmobile Trail Access



Tennis/Pickleball Courts



Walking/Snowshoeing Trails



Water Bottle Refill Station

First we want to thank the following businesses and groups for helping provide our park winter recreational opportunities and amenities.

- Solhawk Dairy - Providing ice rink liner.
- Park Volunteers - Rolling out and rolling up the ice rink liner. Also shoveling the ice rink!
- Wheaton Fire & Rescue - Handling water needs for the ice rink.
- BSA Troop 71 Elk Mound Eagle Scout Grady Larson - Adding the sled borrowing station and bench seating for sledding hill viewers.
- Girl Scout Troop 3365 Elk Mound - Adding bench seating for ice rink viewers.
- Wheaton Knight Riders Snowmobile Club - Signing snowmobile trail access in the park.



Wheaton Park was very fortunate again for Earth and Arbor Day this year to have a collaborative project between Elk Mound School District 4th Grade classes, Parks Commission, Plan Commission, and Department of Natural Resources that 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. Thank you to everyone involved with this project. 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 Jan Dole for helping lead the tree planting!

INTERESTING RECREATION TIDBITS

A new recreation amenity was added to Wheaton Park last year in partnership with BSA Troop 71 Elk Mound and Scout Mason Books Eagle Scout project. Two pickleball courts with portable pickleball nets will share the existing tennis and basketball court area. This project created a multi-use recreation area that allows park users to play pickleball, tennis, or basketball. Great to see so many park users taking advantage of this new recreation opportunity!



PARK INTERESTING FACTOIDS

Wheaton Park has 6 picnic table areas where you can bring a lunch or snack and just enjoy all the scenery the park has to offer or let the kids get out and burn off some energy.

- 2 Picnic table areas by Lower Playground
- 1 Picnic table area by Upper Playground
- 1 Picnic table area by Tennis Court/Swing Set
- 1 Picnic table area by Butterfly Garden
- 1 Picnic table area by Sledding Hill
- 1 Picnic table area with 2 picnic tables by Trail System North Entrance

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://townofwheatonwi.gov/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.

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.

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://townofwheatonwi.gov/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://townofwheatonwi.gov/contact-us/> or contact any Town Board member. Are there topics you would like to see added to the newsletter?

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.

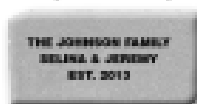
Personalize your brick with your name, a message, or a memory of a loved one! All bricks will be installed in a designated brick garden located near the lower pavilion.

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 vs. Graphic

Font Options

Seven fonts to choose from

- Arial
- *Arial Italic*
- **Comic Sans**
- Helvetica
- Papyrus
- Times New Roman
- **VERMARCO**

Contact Information

Contact for questions:

Betsy McInnis

715-225-3992

wheaton.parkscommissionf@gmail.com



**Ken Books - Town of Wheaton Parks
Commission Chair**

1121 40th Street, Eau Claire, WI

To order online please visit:

thatsmybrick.com/wheatonparks

Ordering Process

For your convenience, attached to this flyer is an order form. Order online using the QR Code or fill out the attached portion and drop off or mail to:

Order Form

Order Form		Character Limit		Donation
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<input type="checkbox"/> Nutmeg Brick	3 lines of 18	3 lines of 10		\$150
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■ Checks made out to: **Town of Wheaton**

■ Drop off your donation to: Ken Books - Town of Wheaton
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