

WHEATON BULLETIN

Winter 2026 Edition

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The Wheaton community's greatest strength lies in the actions and support of its residents. This spirit of togetherness creates strong partnerships, increases volunteerism, and draws businesses, tourism, and people, making it a wonderful community to live and raise a family.

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." – **Henry Ford**

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

1. Jessi Jones and Sara Holte were reappointed to the Plan Commission in May for a new term.
2. Jenny Schutte was reappointed to the Parks Commission in July for a new term.
3. Brandon Thatcher was appointed to the Parks Commission in November to fulfill the remainder of Mark Kohls term.

Thank you to everyone above for stepping up to help the Town of Wheaton!!

The Town of Wheaton still has the following positions vacant to be filled by qualified candidates.

1. New dog catcher to take over for Kari Arauz.

TOWN GOVERNMENT

The Town of Wheaton currently has two commissions (Plan Commission, Parks 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 (Deputy Secretary), Ron Kragness, Mike McGinley, and Mary Rudd (Secretary and Town Board Representative). The term for each member is 3 years, from May 1 to April 30. Appointment to the commission is by the Town Chair, with board approval. Terms are staggered. Two members one year, two members the second year, and three members changed the third year, maintaining a consistency in the commission. If you are interested in an appointment to the Plan Commission, please contact any Town Supervisor, Chair, or Clerk to add your name to the list. *Meetings are normally once per month, on the first Tuesday, held at the Wheaton Town Hall at 6:00 pm.*

The **Parks Commission** aids in the development and maintenance of Wheaton Park (63 acres) and boat landing in the township. The Parks Commission consists of seven members: Ken Books (Chair), Jenny Schutte (Vice Chair), Jan Dole (Secretary/Treasurer), Becky McInnis (Deputy Secretary/Treasurer), Cesar Arauz, Aaron VanHove, and Brandon Thatcher. 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 normally once per month, on the fourth Tuesday, held at the Wheaton Town Hall (October - March months weather dependent) and Wheaton Park Lower Pavilion (April - September months weather dependent) at 7:00 pm.*

The **Fire Commission** was eliminated in July and the commission responsibilities were consolidated to the town board. We do appreciate the efforts and time given of the three members: Taylor Quinnell (Chair), Jessi Jones (Secretary), and Paul Krumenauer.

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://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 Parks Commission	Ken Books	Jenny Schutte
6	Town of Wheaton Plan Commission	Dale Hayden	Tom Piercy
7	WI Utility Tax Association	Alice Droske	Mark Kohls
8	Visit Eau Claire	Mary Rudd	Ken Books



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?

WEBSITE

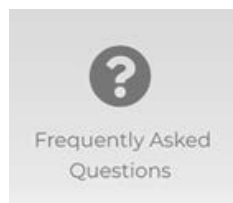
New website name is TownofWheatonWI.gov and went live in May!!

We continue to add new information and features to our website 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. ***Check out our rental page slideshows that showcase our rental options!***

<p>Upper Pavilion</p> <p>Size: 30' x 20'</p> <p>Capacity: 50 – 100</p> <p>Number of Picnic Tables: 8</p> <p>Park Upper Pavilion Water Test Results</p> 	<p>Lower Pavilion</p> <p>Size: 48' x 28'</p> <p>Capacity: 80 – 150</p> <p>Number of Picnic Tables: 10</p> <p>Park Lower Pavilion Water Test Results</p> 
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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

Message

ELECTION INFORMATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Spring Election for the Town of Wheaton will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 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 20th day of April, 2026.

A TOWN SUPERVISOR, for a term of two years to succeed the term of Mary Rudd, which will expire on the 20th day of April, 2026.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2025, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. 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 17, 2026.

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.

All election information and notices are handled by the Town of Wheaton Clerk.

ROADS

With 80+ miles of township roads, new town roads being added with new subdivisions, and being 100% paved there are certainly challenges that stretch our road budget in every direction possible. Road replacement costs for 1 mile are \$200,000+ and we need to get 40-80 years out of existing roads based on current available 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. We also continue to apply for both Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) and Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) opportunities which provide state funds to offset road reconstruction costs if awarded.

In 2025 we completed two big road work projects:

1. Reconstruction of 20th Avenue from 40th Street to 50th Street which is receiving Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) state funding to cover part of the costs.
2. Reconstruction of 34th Street, 62nd Avenue, and 35th Street from 60th Avenue to almost County Highway N which is receiving Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) state funding to cover part of the costs.

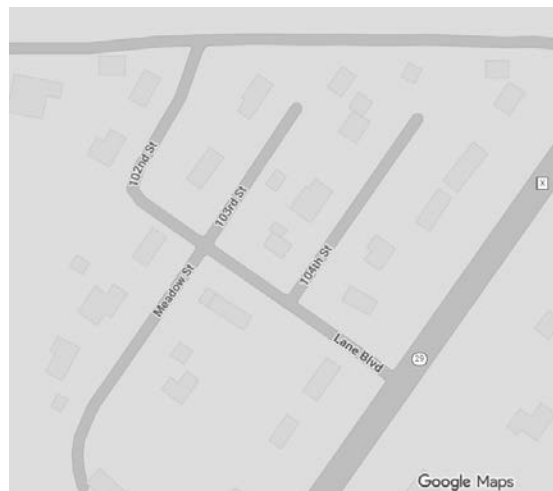
We also completed in 2025 several roads with maintenance crack filling and flex-patch plus over 7 miles of chip seal. With 80+ miles of road to maintain, getting our chip seal cycles closer to 8 year cycles where needed is a goal and only helps better maximize road lifecycles. Check out our completed road work at

<https://townofwheatonwi.gov/road-updates/>

In 2024 we applied for Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) grant funding for reconstruction of 50th Avenue from 50th Street to County Highway T. Although we were not awarded funds the town board still believes in taking advantage of each and every opportunity to help offset our road costs and so again in 2026 we will apply for ARIP grant funding for reconstruction of 50th Avenue from 50th Street to County Highway T.

Plans are already in motion for 2026 road work. Dependent on funding available and bid amounts the big projects being considered are:

1. Reconstruction of 30th Street from 20th Avenue to 30th Avenue.
2. Reconstruction of 70th Street from 50th Avenue to Termini.
3. Reconstruction of subdivision roads by River Inn and Loopy's.



DRIVEWAY SNOW REMOVAL AND ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

We wanted to share with you that Wisconsin Statute 346.94(5) prohibits anyone from placing or causing to be placed upon a highway any foreign substance which is or may be injurious to any vehicle. Section 86.022 makes it a misdemeanor punishable by fine to place any obstruction in a road ditch which will impede drainage.

All of this to say, DO NOT PLOW SNOW ACROSS THE ROAD. Ridges, ice, and other materials left by this action can cause accidents, unnecessary damage to vehicles, and is illegal. Piling snow in the right-of-way can damage snowplow wings and cause other damage.

We all want our roads plowed in a timely manner and safe travels for everyone on them. Our road crew does a great job every winter helping ensure that happens! Certainly we need everyone to do their part to keep right-of-ways clear and our plow trucks on the road when they are needed most. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we get into the winter season!

VISIT EAU CLAIRE

Visit Eau Claire partnership has been extended until December 31, 2028. We encourage our businesses and community partners to work with Visit Eau Claire in further enhancing and promoting Wheaton tourism.

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 located. 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 Street, 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.**

Feel free to 'Like Wheaton Fire & Rescue' for Helpful Tips and Stay Connected!

 **Exciting Announcement!** 

On November 11, 2025, the Wheaton Fire Prevention Association, a non-profit organization made up of the members of Wheaton Fire & Rescue, proudly presented a check for \$69,721.99 to the Town of Wheaton — fully funding the purchase of our brand new Rescue 1 vehicle! 🎉

What makes this moment so special is that Rescue 1 was paid for entirely through donations and community fundraising. Thanks to the incredible generosity and support of our residents, friends, and local businesses. ❤️

The new Rescue 1 was designed and built by members of the Wheaton Fire Prevention Association and is designed to provide exceptional service to the Town of Wheaton — offering a brand new, reliable, capable, and maneuverable vehicle to respond quickly and effectively to a variety of emergencies.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this possible. Your continued support ensures that our community remains safe, strong, and well-served. A special thank you to our volunteer firefighters and medical first responders for selflessly investing so much time in our fundraising efforts. 🙏👥

#WheatonFire #Rescue1 #CommunityPride #FireDepartment





Wheaton Fired-Up Day

We would like to say:

THANK YOU

To everyone who attended Wheaton Fired-Up Day 2025!

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 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026

BURNING PERMITS

Burning permits are not required in Wheaton, but you can only burn what is allowed by state law. Visit the Wisconsin DNR website at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/openburning/> for burning regulations and several fine articles about the alternatives to burning.

Fire danger information can be found at the following:

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

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

If you burn, please be careful. You can be responsible for all costs associated with a fire that you started if it has gotten out of control. Burn only when sufficient moisture exists (rain and/or snow cover) in the area, winds are light (under about 7 mph maximum gusts), and temperatures are cool.

CLEAN AND SAFE DRINKING WATER

The Town of Wheaton has a long-standing history of monitoring wells and testing for toxins and nitrates in order to proactively keep residents and businesses informed on changes in groundwater. The Town of Wheaton's goal is to support clean drinking water for everyone in the township.

The Town of Wheaton has sponsored a well sampling project since 2019 (except 2020 during the pandemic) which established a baseline for assessing and addressing changes in groundwater. The nitrate maps are located on our web site: <https://townofwheatonwi.gov/groundwater-information/>

We have a Community Well that is located in Wheaton Park, near the pickleball/tennis court. The Elkay pump keeps a monitor of uses. When the water drains, it goes below the frost line, meaning one can obtain water from there 12 months a year. It is enclosed with a small roof, to protect the pump and yourself from the elements.

The goal is to continue to offer expanded testing, due to the high nitrate levels. 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. If the nitrate level at your home is 10 mg/L or above and people in the home drink that water, you are then susceptible to blue baby syndrome, thyroid disease, increase of colon cancer, diabetes and certain other types of cancers.

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 less expense. There is no one solution that will solve every groundwater issue experienced.

Keep an eye on the TOWN OF WHEATON website. Click on Government, then Groundwater Information. You will see links to groundwater testing, nitrate levels map, and other resources with regards to clean groundwater.

Here is the link to the water lab website for Chippewa County Public Health:

<https://www.chippewacountywi.gov/427/Water-Lab>

There you will find the test type, description and pricing for these tests: Arsenic, bacteria, lead, manganese, nitrates and E. coli.

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 - **\$12.00**

Unspayed or unneutered dogs - **\$18.00**

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

Each additional tag for multiple dogs in excess of 12 - **\$10.00**

Per Town of Wheaton ordinance, each household is permitted up to five dogs.

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
715-874-5982

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

DOG CATCHER INFORMATION

New Dog Catcher Needed. The Town of Wheaton has a Dog Catcher position opening.

Dog Catcher Position Responsibilities

- On call for dog related issues.
- Address dog related issues.
- Cages, leashes, and gloves will be provided.
- Dog catcher is NOT responsible for other animal issues.
- Must provide a contact phone number to be posted on the town website.
- Township email address will be provided.

The current Dog Catcher for the Township is Kari Arauz and she has agreed to continue to handle dog catcher responsibilities during this transition period. Thank you Kari!! 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.

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 2025 - 2026

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, 2026. A January 31, 2026 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, 3, or 4.

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:
Monday, December 29th, 2025 from 2PM – 5PM
Monday, January 12th, 2026 from 2PM – 6PM
3. Mail payment(s) to
Misty Miller, Town of Wheaton Treasurer
4975 County Highway T
Chippewa Falls WI 54729
4. **NEW OPTION** - Make your payment online with your credit/debit cards or echeck by going to the Chippewa County Public Portal <https://pp-chippewa-co-wi-fb.app.landnav.com/login>

Please do NOT mail the first half or full payment property tax payment to the Chippewa County Treasurer BEFORE the January 31, 2026 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, 2026.

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 license 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

CASH OR CHECK 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. **SEE ATTENDANT BEFORE UNLOADING INTO DUMPSTERS!!**
- Metal items go into metal dumpsters. **SEE ATTENDANT BEFORE UNLOADING INTO 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.

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.

Used oil can also be dropped off at Blodgett Repair 5850 50th Street Chippewa Falls WI.

Yard Waste and Brush are NOT ACCEPTED!

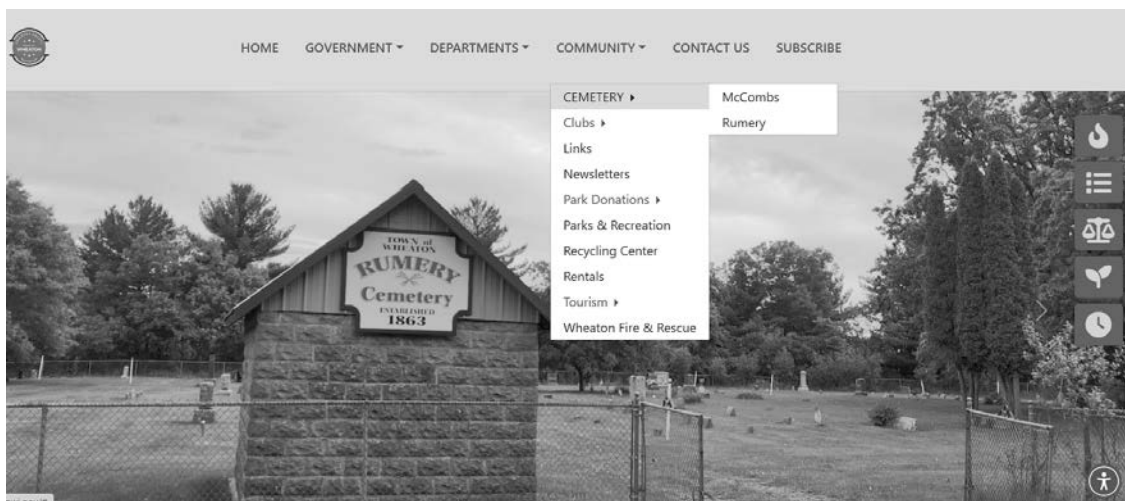
TOWN CEMETERY

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.

The cemetery sexton is Brian Anderson. For any cemetery questions please contact Brian Anderson at (715) 874-5190 or email wheaton.towncemetery@gmail.com

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



CEMETERY FEE CHANGES - EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2025

After a review of cemetery associated expenses, revenues, and surrounding areas we can no longer continue to fund the over 75% shortfall in revenue versus expenses with the general fund. Resolution 2025-03 was adopted by the Town Board on November 11, 2025 to increase cemetery fees effective December 1, 2025. We have included the resolution below for full transparency.

Town Of Wheaton Chippewa County Resolution 2025-03

A resolution to increase cemetery fees in the Town of Wheaton, Chippewa County.

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheaton is responsible for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the McCombs and Rumery Cemeteries and;

WHEREAS, a regular review of fees is necessary to ensure the financial health and proper upkeep of the cemetery grounds, infrastructure, and records; and;

WHEREAS, the costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the cemetery, including labor, equipment, and administration, have increased over time; and;

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Town Board of the Town of Wheaton that the fee schedule be updated to more accurately reflect these costs; and;

WHEREAS, this new fee schedule is established to provide for the adequate funding of cemetery services, including grave openings and closings, and plot maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Wheaton.

Section 1: Fee Schedule

The fee schedule for the McCombs and Rumery Cemeteries is hereby established as follows, effective **December 1, 2025**:

- Purchase of Cemetery Plot: \$ 500.00
- Burial Fee: \$ 25.00

Section 2: Fee Deposits

All fees and charges collected shall be paid to the Town of Wheaton Treasurer or designated official and deposited into the cemetery fund.

Section 3: Effective Date

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Wheaton 11th day of November 2025.

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.

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

In 2025 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.
- Volunteers assisted with completing a bunch of park maintenance projects.
- Donations were received for engraved brick additions and volunteers completed the installations.

◦ **Interested in DONATING - See our Engraved Brick Donation Form on Page 22.**



- The upper pavilion and building remodel and expansion were completed. This revamped pavilion and building allowed for park history preservation, park maintenance, and provided a completely different park rental experience with both a large inside and outside area that are joined together now. Plus it is close to many park amenities such as: tennis and pickleball courts, basketball court, baseball field, playground, and walking trails. This renovation is a vast improvement from before and we welcome people to check it out and rent in 2026. Rental fees are really reasonable too!!

Resident Fee = No Charge

Resident Deposit = \$100.00

Non-Resident Fee = \$50.00

Non-Resident Deposit = \$100.00



- This year we were again fortunate to receive another girl scout silver award project in the park. 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.
 - Girl Scout Troop 3365 Elk Mound
 - Scouts Ella Books and Evelyn Sarbeck Silver Award project was adding a new solar light to the ice skating rink. This will provide park users light when the park experiences shorter daylight hours during winter season activities and the park is still open.

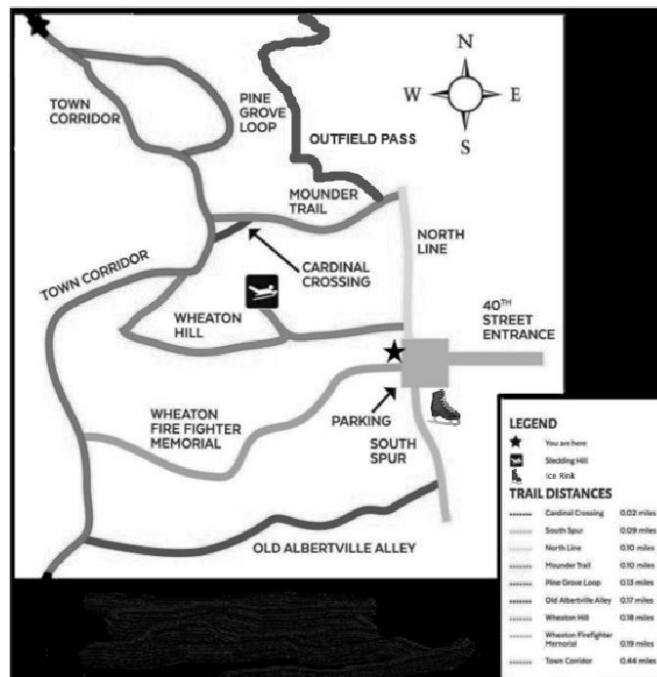


We greatly appreciate and thank all the volunteers and community groups that make Wheaton Park such a gem in our community. Thank you!

Hopefully the winter weather and cold cooperates this year and we are able to bring the ice rink back into service at our 40th Street parking lot. Watch the Town of Wheaton website and Wheaton Parks & Recreation Facebook page for updates.

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 connect to State Trail 33 or Wheaton Trail upon exiting the park property. Many thanks again 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.



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!

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/rentals/>



Check Pavilion Sizes, Capacity, Number of Picnic Tables



Check Pavilion Availability



Download Reservation Application/Check Rental Rates



Download Park Renter Procedures

Upper Pavilion



Lower Pavilion



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

WHEATON BALL LEAGUE

Hard to believe baseball season is less than 5 months away! Wheaton Ball League will begin its 48th season in 2026 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, Ponys, and Softball. Regular season runs from mid-April – June.

T-Ball Registration closes April 1, 2026. All Other Program Levels Registration closes mid-March 2026.

For program information go to <https://townofwheatonwi.gov/wheaton-ball-league/>.

Feel free to 'Like' Wheaton Ball League on Facebook. For any questions email Wheaton.Ball@hotmail.com or call 715-225-7522.

INTERESTING RECREATION TIDBITS

The Wheaton Sledding Hill called “Wheaton Hill” came to life from the Parks Commission vision for utilizing the 40 acre park expansion that connected with the existing 23 acres to advance recreational activities. The Town of Wheaton had purchased the park expansion property in 2014 from Anne and Lillian Brown. In July 2015 the Parks Commission was separated from the Plan Commission and the Parks Commission began to develop both park short and long range plans. As part of the long range plan options were researched for handling the dead trees in the park while at same time supporting the park long range plan. This led to the Parks Commission working with the then Chippewa County Forestry Department on a selective tree harvest and incorporating the park long range plan with it. The sledding hill was planned for the best location that allowed for easy access plus the best sledding user experience. The trail system would work around the sledding hill and incorporate the logging roads used to complete the selective harvest in order to minimize affected trees and provide additional recreational activities such as walking, running, and snowshoeing. The selective tree harvest which included removal of brush and stumps was completed in Fall 2016. In 2018 sledding hill and trail system finish work wrapped up, the 40th Street park driveway and parking lot was built, and sledding hill opened.

Be sure to check out “Wheaton Hill” this winter. If you don’t have a sled we have you covered with our Sled Borrowing Station, located on “Wheaton Hill”, that offers sleds for free use. It is fun for all ages!!

TOWN BOAT LANDING

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

If you were unable to use the updated facilities in 2025 we hope it fits in your calendar in 2026. 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/>

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| ✓ 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.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) INFORMATION

The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) offers free unbiased information and assistance to seniors and adults with disabilities. You can get information on living arrangement options, Medicare information, Meals on Wheels, benefit eligibility to name a few topics. So, if you have questions like:

I am going to go on Medicare soon. What should I do first?
I was denied Social Security Disability benefits. What can I do?
I am a caregiver for a family member. Are there resources to help me?
What is a Power of Attorney (POA)? Do I need one?

These and many more questions can be answered by calling the Chippewa County Aging & Disability Resource Center at 715-726-7777 or toll free at 1-888-400-6920. The ADRC is located at 711 N. Bridge St., Room 118, Chippewa Falls.

Email: adrc@chippewacountywi.gov Facebook: www.facebook.com/ADRCChippewaCo/

Bridging Chippewa County is a free newsletter that people can subscribe to either by email or mail or pickup at a local grocery store in Chippewa Falls.

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.

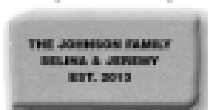
Personalize your brick with your name, a message, or a memory of a loved one! All bricks will be installed in a designated brick garden located near the lower pavilion.

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

	Character Limit		Donation
	w. out Graphic	w. Graphic	
<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"/> VERMARC			
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Donation			\$_____

□ \$15 Custom Graphic Fee (if applicable)

Name: _____

Street Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email

Bricks provided by:

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Custom Graphic (if applicable): _____

Graphic Position: ☐ Left ☐ Right

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

■ Order online at: thatismybrick.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

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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: \$12

Unneutered or Unspayed: \$18

Multiple Dogs: (Six to Twelve): \$60 (Six Dogs Required Kennel License)

Each additional tag for multiple dogs in excess of 12: \$10.00

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**

Town of Wheaton
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