



Winfield News

*This newsletter is being sent to all Town of Winfield residents and residential property owners.
It contains recycling information and the latest in town news.*

December 2018

Letter from the Chairperson

The flood damage in August and September was a remarkable event this past year. We hope you have all recovered from any damage you had. Several of our roads sustained damage, but the majority of the work has been done to fix them. Thank you for your patience during this process. Please see the article later in this newsletter about the cost for each road. The utility company has also been cutting trees away from our power lines which will hopefully reduce the number of power outages we have. We continue to mow as far back as we can along the town roads. If anyone has anything they would like to bring to the town board, please let me know. You can call me at 608-495-0822. Happy holidays.

Ron Churchill, Chairperson

County Board Supervisor News

My name is Chuck Whitsell. Last April, I was elected to represent the eastern half of the Town of Winfield and the Town of Dellona on the Sauk County Board. I ran for the position because I want to do positive things for all Sauk County residents, but especially for those citizens that I represent.

I am married and have three grown children who all graduated from Webb High School in Reedsburg. My wife (Kathie) and I moved back to this area in 2003, when I accepted the superintendent position in Wisconsin Dells. We

live in the subdivision on the east side of Christmas Mountain. I retired in 2011 after 39 years as a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, and school superintendent. I am finding that serving on the county board is a whole new world. I am learning and will do my best to do positive things in that role. I welcome your input on any Sauk County Board issues. You may reach me at charles.whitsell@saukcountywi.gov.

Chuck Whitsell, County Board Supervisor, District 3

Hi! My name is Pat Rego. Thank you for letting me serve as your Sauk County supervisor. There are 31 supervisors on the county board representing 31 districts which serve all our residents. I really want you to know that each one of the supervisors believe they are in their position to serve you and our communities. So, there are generally multiple ideas to reach our decisions. It is our responsibility to consider the consequences of these options to plan. Recently, there was an ordinance related to ATVs and UTVs; the information I received from the community did influence my decision. We welcome your opinions and suggestions. My e-mail is patricia.rego@saukcountywi.gov. Even better, attend a board meeting or one of the many committee meetings. The date, time, and site for each meeting is listed on the Sauk County website: www.co.sauk.wi.us. Happy holidays!

Pat Rego, County Board Supervisor, District 4

Recycling Update

Provider: Peterson Sanitation, Inc. (a division of Town and Country Sanitation, Inc. of Boscobel).

Service: Recycling and garbage pick up.

Cost: \$157.44 per year (added to your tax bill).

Pick Up Day: Garbage every Tuesday.
Recyclables every other Tuesday.

Requirements: Garbage should be put in plastic bags and sealed. Recyclables should be put in the plastic bins provided by the company. Please keep newspapers and cardboard dry.

Exceptions: Please note that if a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, our pick up day will be Wednesday. In 2019, these Wednesdays are: 1/2/19, 5/29/19, and 9/4/19.

Contact Number for Company: 608-524-6603.

Recycling Tons Collected

The Department of Natural Resources recommends that a township our size should be collecting over 80 tons of recycled material. However, last year we only collected 35 tons!

Since 1992, we have collected between 18 tons and 71 tons of recyclables each year. This is a big range and we are not sure why there is such a difference in the years.

Our contractor has noted that sometimes the recyclables are not clean; if they are too dirty, they contaminate the whole load and cannot be recycled. An example of this is cat food containers and food containers that are not rinsed out. Also, if the newspapers and cardboard are soaked, they end up in the garbage.

So, please, please, please...clean and keep dry your recyclables....and recycle everything you can. Thank you!

Dog Licenses

The town treasurer issues dog licenses. You may use the form found later in this newsletter. If you get a dog from the Sauk County Humane Society, they may also issue you a dog license.

Road Weight Limits

In 2018, the town board designated Churchill Road as a Class "B" highway to set a weight limit on the road to protect the road from heavy traffic. North Dewey Avenue is also a Class "B" highway.

Election Info

Polling Place & Poll Hours - The polling place is the Winfield Town Hall at the intersection of County Roads K and F just north of Reedsburg (\$1992 County Road K). The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voter Web Site - Wisconsin has a voter web site called My Vote Wisconsin. Voters can look up their registration status, voting history, polling place location, the district assignments, and office holders in those districts. Voters can also complete an absentee ballot form from this web site, and register to vote. Check out this web site: <http://myvote.wi.gov>.

Election Dates

2/19/19 – primary
4/2/19 – spring

Ready for a new refrigerator or freezer?

Focus on Energy offers a program to pick up your old unit for free, recycle it, and send you a \$35 check. Appliances must be working. Single family residences or multi-family apartments of three or fewer units are eligible. There is a limit of two per household per year. Focus on Energy has recycled almost 65,000 units since 2012.

Focusonenergy.com/appliance

Road Upkeep

In 2018, the town spent over \$54,400 for snow plowing, over \$1,400 for brushing, and over \$13,500 for mowing.

Flood Damages

Flood damages from August and September were very costly to the town.

Skinner Road	\$414
Drovers Pass	\$473
Farber Road	\$491
Theinhart Road	\$756
Pine Rock Road	\$880
Katuin Road	\$916
Ekes Road	\$1,119
Woefle Road	\$1,516
Luedtke Road	\$2,547
Churchill Road	\$4,200
Fuller Road	\$4,987
Old Town Hall Road	\$7,468
Wadleigh Road	\$7,789
Hirst Road	\$8,969

Emergency Tree Removal: \$3,114

Dumpster at Town Park: \$1,420

Total Flood Damage: \$47,059

Uniform Dwelling Inspector

In 2018, the town board signed a contract with General Engineering Company out of Portage to provide our building inspection service for one and two family dwellings. In previous years, the state appointed an inspector for us.

Snow Plowing

The town board will continue to contract with the Sauk County Highway Department to plow the town roads.

Town Board Meetings

The town board meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the town hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Your Tax Dollars & Junk

Your tax dollars are paying to pick up other people's garbage from the side of our roads. When people dump their unwanted items along our roads – such as microwaves, furniture, TVs, mattresses, tires, etc., it is your tax dollars that are being used to pay to get rid of these items. So, if you see someone dumping their garbage along our roads, get their license number, take their picture, etc. and contact the sheriff's department.

ATV/UTV Ordinance

In October, the Sauk County Board revised its all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) ordinance. The main changes state that the ATV/UTV operator must be at least age 16, have a valid driver license, have no alcoholic beverages on the vehicle, and have liability insurance. The Winfield Town Board will be reviewing its ATV/UTV ordinance to comply with the new Sauk County ordinance.

Willow Creek Road

Willow Creek Road (off County Road H) was built in the 1970s, but considered a private road. However, in 2018, the road was legally proclaimed a town road.

Culverts

Property owners are reminded that the culverts on their property are their own responsibility to keep clear so water can freely run through them.

Building Permit Information

If you plan to build a new agricultural building, contact Kurt Mead for a permit.

If you plan to add an addition to your house, build a new house, build any building, or build a non-ag fence, please inform Kurt Mead.

If you plan to install or change a driveway, please contact the town clerk.

Town Web Site

On the town's web site, you can find meeting agendas and minutes, a calendar, forms, and ordinances.

Town Web Site: www.townofwinfieldwi.com

You can also like us on Facebook!

Town of Winfield Contacts

Chairperson Ron Churchill	608-495-0822
Supervisor I Kurt Mead	608-963-7073
Supervisor II Jason Dorow	608-415-7713
Treasurer Robin Craker	608-524-6261
Clerk Teresa Bass	608-524-6654
Assessor Ian Holloway	608-374-4207
Building Notification: Kurt Mead	608-963-7073
UDC Inspector: Peter Giese, General Engineering Company	608-697-7778

Notice of Spring Election

Notice is hereby given that an election to be held in the Town of Winfield on April 2, 2019, for the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Town Board Chairperson	Ronald Churchill
Town Board Supervisor I	Kurt Mead
Town Board Supervisor II	Jason Dorow
Town Clerk	Teresa Bass
Town Treasurer	Robin Craker

Notice is further given that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2018, and the final day for filing nomination papers in the office of the town clerk is 5 p.m. on January 2, 2019.

Notice is further given that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Winfield Population: 865