



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 2016

Letter from the Chairperson

Another year has gone by. The town board has tried its best to fix the roads that need to be fixed. Also, we tried to do a little better job on mowing along our town roads. Because of all the rain, we had lots of ditches that needed clearing.

We are considering having a get together to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the town hall building. We don't know what date we should have it, so if you have any suggestions, please let me know. You can call me at 608-495-0822.

Happy holidays.

Ron Churchill

Chairperson

Recycling Update

We have noticed a decrease in the tons of recycled material collected. We had a high of 66 tons of recycling material collected in 2001. This has decreased to 33 tons currently. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter about the items that can be recycled. Please help us recycle all the waste that we can. We appreciate your cooperation.

The town has a contract with Peterson Sanitation, Inc. (a division of Town and Country Sanitation, Inc. of Boscobel) to provide recycling and garbage pick up. In 2017, the cost to you will be \$152 per year which will be added to your tax bill. Garbage pick up will continue every Tuesday. Recyclables will be picked up every other Tuesday. 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.

Please note that if a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, our pick up day will be Wednesday. In 2017, these Wednesdays are: May 31, July 5, September 6, and December 27.

If you need to contact the company, please call 608-524-6603.

Honoring our Election Workers

Over the years, the Town of Winfield has been very fortunate to have many of its residents serve as election workers. We searched through town records from 1962 to the present (the last 54 years!), and found 109 residents that have served as election workers.

Our election workers have seen many changes over the years. Paper ballots were used at elections until 1984 when a punch card voting system was purchased. We switched from the punch cards to electronic voting in 2000. Accessible voting equipment was used for the first time in 2006. Voter registration also began in 2006. From the 1850s through the 1970s, the town paid seven election workers at each election; the town board reduced the number of workers at each election to three in the 1980s with the option to have more workers if needed.

Our current workers include: Pat Andreessen, Bill Bass, Dennis Hanger, Carlyne Kotchi-Aslaksen, Dewey Mittelstaedt, Gloria Mittelstaedt, Rich Pannier, Shaun Pelton, Ardie Ryczek, and Pat Schlough. Thank you to all our wonderful election workers. You are the best!

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 (S1992 County Road K). The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Election Dates -

2/21/17 – Spring Primary and 4/4/17 – Spring Election

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 or update their registration. Check out this web site: <http://myvote.wi.gov>.

Election Statistics:

For the 2016 presidential election, Town of Winfield residents voted as follows:

President		Estimated Winfield Population	861
Rep Trump	282	Estimated Voting Age Population	657
Dem Clinton	183	Number of Registered Voters	571
US Senator		Percent of Registered Voters Who Are Female	51
Rep Johnson	279	Percent of Registered Voters Who Are Male	49
Dem Feingold	201	Average Age of Registered Voters	48
Rep In Congress		The age of our registered voters is:	
Rep Theron	262	100 years old	1 person
Dem Pocan	199	In their 90s	1 person
Rep to the Assembly		In their 80s	25 people
Rep Brooks	316	In their 70s	54 people
Dem Shrader	174	In their 60s	122 people
		In their 50s	124 people
		In their 40s	97 people
		In their 30s	84 people
		In their 20s	51 people
		In their teens	12 people



Road Work

This year, Ekes Road was redone at a cost of \$51,894, North Golf Course Road was seal coated for \$1,098, and Menchoff Road was wedged and seal coated for \$33,325.

The town spent over \$39,700 for snow plowing, over \$15,100 for brushing, and over \$15,500 for mowing.

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.

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 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: Brad Smrcina	608-799-6229

Town Web Site: www.townofwinfieldwi.com

ATV & UTV Routes

In April 2016, more town roads were designated ATV and UTV routes. Designated roads include: Bass Road, Biesek Road, Chadwick Road, Dore Road, Eggbrecht Road, Ekes Drive, Farber Road, Fuller Road, Gavin Road, Giles Road, Golf Course Road (from County Road H to the southern town line), Green Road, Heidrich Road, Hirst Road, Hoff Road, Katuin Road, Kelley Drive, Kosch Road, LaValle Road, Longview Drive, Luedtke Road, Meadowview Road (from North Dewey Avenue to Chadwick Road), Menchoff Road, North Dewey Avenue (from Giles Road to County Road H), Old Townhall Road, Pine Rock Road, Seamans Road, Seep Road, Wadleigh Road, Wegner Road, Wiese Road, and Woefl Road.



Celebrating 100 Years

In 2017, the town board will celebrate our current town hall being 100 years old! The building was initially built as the Hay Creek School in 1917 for \$3,000. This building remained a school until 1962 when the Hay Creek School integrated into the Reedsburg school system. The town board bought the building from the school district for \$400. An open house is planned for this summer to celebrate our 100 years.

Notice of Spring Election

Notice is hereby given that an election to be held in the Town of Winfield on April 4, 2017, for the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

<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, 2016, and the final day for filing nomination papers in the office of the town clerk is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2017.

Notice is further given that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.