

TOWN OF WESTON NEWS

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MILTON OLSON, CHAIRMAN

Town of Weston Web Site

The Town's web site has been revised so that you can request a copy of agendas and minutes as soon as they are posted and it is also more user-friendly. Check out our web site at <http://www.townofwestonwi.com> to stay informed with what is going on in the town and all the minutes, agendas, notices, ordinances, and the zoning code.

Road Projects

The north end of Ross Ave (Lester St) has been blacktopped and the shoulders will be completed soon.

We are in the process of applying for three different road grants for the next state biennium. Those projects are:

1. Kramer Lane south of Gusman Road,
2. Ross Ave from Paul's Ave. to Kersten Rd (Lester St.)
3. Gusman Road from Hwy J to Kramer Lane.

These Roads are to be reconstructed in the next two years.

The Town Board voted not to do Ross Ave from Paul's Ave. to the Village line which would have included a round about on the corner of Ross Ave and Kramer Lane. We were going to apply for a grant along with the Village that would have paid 75 percent of the project. This 75 percent grant was turned down by the Town Board.

Unauthorized dumping at the Weston Recycling Center 5509 Fuller Street.

Recycling site drop off hours may be limited! As part of our contract with Advanced Disposal Services, they offer a fenced in recycling drop off area for Weston residents to drop off their excess recyclables if their recycling cart is full. This recycling drop-off area is meant only for Village and Town of Weston residents who pay the \$167 (per residential unit) refuse/ recycling charge on their tax bill. This includes properties consisting of single-family homes up to 4-unit apartments (on one tax parcel). If you do not pay this \$167 fee on your property tax bill, you are NOT eligible to use Weston's recycling drop-off center. Advanced Disposal

Services brought to our attention that people are abusing this recycling drop-off area by dumping their garbage and other large bulky items within this area, during their closed office hours. Staff there have also been noticing people from apartment complexes, mobile home parks, and other communities, utilizing this recycling drop-off area. Because of these abuses, the hours of the drop-off area may be limited, or the area could possibly even be closed down.

Fall Roadside Yard Material & Brush Pick-Up

The date for west of Camp Phillips would be 10/22 and 11/7, give or take a day based on how things are going and weather. East of Camp Phillips would be 10/29 and 11/14.

A few reminders for roadside pick-up:

- YARD MATERIAL (grass, leaves, pine needles, etc.) shall be kept separate from BRUSH (branches), as 2 different pieces of collection equipment are used.
- Yard material shall be kept at least 5 feet away from power poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, etc., in order for staff to be able to reach it.
- There will be 2 trips through the Village (see pick-up dates below).
- Yard material must be out to the roadside by 7 a.m. on the scheduled day of pick-up.
- Any material placed out after the scheduled pick-up day will not be picked up.
- Residents can always take material to the Village's Yard Waste Site at 8200 Ryan Street.



Mailbox and Snowplow

The village of Weston Plows the snow for the Town of Weston. Here is the mailbox policy.

Before the first snowfall, check the condition of your mailbox post and the placement of your mailbox in relation to the roadway.

- The Village will assist in repairing mailboxes ONLY if the mailbox and/or post is physically struck by the plow itself.
- The Village is NOT responsible for damage caused by plowed snow hitting the mailbox or frozen snow/ice moved during plowing operations.

Mailbox door must be 6 to 8 inches behind the back edge of the curb for a street with curb and gutter. Mailboxes in areas without curb and gutter should be placed on the shoulder with the door being 3 feet from the outer edge of the asphalt surface or 1 foot behind the gravel edge on unpaved streets. Please see this website for more information on mailbox placement. www.westonwi.gov/SnowRemoval.

What Do I Get For My Refuse/Recycling Fee?

By Valerie Parker, Planning Technician

Property owners of single-family homes up to 4-unit apartments (on 1 tax parcel) are billed an annual refuse/recycling special charge on their property tax bill. Currently, the annual fee is calculated at \$167.00 per residential unit. For those properties who are charged this amount, this special charge covers the costs of several benefits available to you:

- Weekly curbside refuse (garbage) collection and every-other-week single-stream recycling collection.
- Spring and fall roadside yard waste collection and the open Yard Waste Site (8200 Ryan St.) for yard waste drop-off.
- Spring and fall bulk-item drop-off events (May and October), allowing you to drop off your large bulky items — at no additional cost — during the scheduled events.
- Weston Recycling Drop-Off Center (for your excess recyclables) at Advanced Disposal Services (5509 Fuller St., Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. and the 1st Saturday of each month, 8 a.m.–noon).
- Expert resources from Marathon County Solid Waste Department to answer any and all of your refuse- or recycling-related questions through their Recycling Hotline: 877-270-2989.
- Printed annual Refuse & Recycling Guide (also available at www.westonwi.gov/RefuseRecyclingGuide).

Marathon County Launches Resident Alert System

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Residents, Schools, and Businesses Can Sign Up to Receive Critical Communications and Emergency Alerts.

Marathon County will begin using [Everbridge Resident Alerts](#) to communicate with citizens, schools, and businesses during emergencies and other critical events. Marathon County will use the [Everbridge emergency notification system](#) to alert residents about a variety of events ranging from severe weather, active shooters, and other emergencies, to more routine announcements, such as press releases, crime notices, and unplanned road closures/detours caused by crashes or flooding. Messages will be sent to residents on their preferred contact paths—cell phone, SMS, home phone, email, fax, and more—to ensure real-time access to potentially lifesaving information. In a news release, county officials say they are committed to public safety, community awareness and emergency response. When critical information and public service announcements are available, we need to reach our residents as quickly and reliably as possible,” the release reads. “The Everbridge emergency notification system allows Marathon County to disseminate this information across all types of devices, ensuring residents have access to real-time public information when they need it the most.”

The [Marathon County Alert System](#) was launched on the one-year anniversary of the shootings that occurred in Rothschild, Schofield and Weston on March 22, 2017, that took the lives of four Marathon County residents including an Everest Metro Police Officer. Residents are encouraged to register to receive these alerts by visiting www.marathoncountysheriff.org and clicking on the Marathon County Alerts logo.

Town Walking Path

The town is in the process of creating a walking path between the Home Sweet Home subdivision and Greenwood Hill Subdivision. The trail is on the corner of Whispering Pine and Easter St and goes over to Hawthorne Lane. The town already owned the right of way and we are using our parkland dedication fee money to construct the trail. This money is earmarked for parks and trails. We have a Boy Scout, Branden Hall, that is going to earn his Eagle Scout badge by organizing the volunteers to help clear the path and build a bridge to cross the wetlands. We had the wet land surveyed and the DNR approve the crossing of the wetland. We hope to have the trail done this fall.



ELECTION NEWS

Election News Voter Registration

How do I register?

Online during open registration (20 days or more prior to an election) at www.myvote.wi.gov. Must have a current and valid Wisconsin Driver's License or Wisconsin State ID card.

By mail during open registration (20 days or more prior to an election).

In the Clerk's office (up until the Friday before an election by 5:00 p.m.).

In person at your voting location (on Election Day).

You **MUST** provide proof of residency when registering to vote by mail, in the Clerk's office, or at your voting location. To see which documents are acceptable, please visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at www.elections.wi.gov/publications/voter-guides/proof-of-residence.

Where Do I Vote On Election Day?

The Towns voting site is at, 5209 Mesker St Weston WI, 54476. To be sure you go to the correct location on Election Day, please visit www.myvote.wi.gov and click on the "Where Do I Vote?" link.

Photo ID Required To Vote

If you have a photo ID, please visit bringit.wi.gov/do-i-have-right-photo-id to check if it's an acceptable form of ID.

If you do not have a photo ID, you can get a Wisconsin State ID card free. Visit bringit.wi.gov/how-do-i-get-free-state-id-card for details.

Offices to Be Elected at the 2020 Spring Election

- ✓ **Presidential Preference Vote**
- ✓ **Justice of Supreme Court**
- ✓ **Court of Appeals Judge**
- ✓ **Circuit Court Judge**
- ✓ **County, Municipal (Two Town Supervisors) & School District Offices**

Election Security In Wisconsin

Wisconsin's election systems are secure thanks to the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) strong partnerships with federal and state agencies and local election officials. Election security has always been a concern, but those concerns became heightened in 2016 with news of hacking attempts on state voter registration systems around the country. According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (as cited at <https://elections.wi.gov/node/5265>), Wisconsin's online defenses were scanned twice in July of 2016 by "Russian government cyber actors" who did NOT breach the system. In fact, approximately 9 million scanning attempts are successfully blocked each year by Wisconsin's

Division of Enterprise Technology. However, the WEC has found NO evidence that Wisconsin's election systems have ever been compromised.

The following procedures and regulations are in place to assist with security for each election:

- The Statewide Voter Registration system, also known as WisVote, is hosted on servers owned by the state and protected by the Department of Administration's Division of Enterprise Technology. WisVote gives clerks the tools they need to maintain their local voter registration lists securely, but it is also a complete election management system.
- Voting equipment in your polling place is protected by multiple layers of physical, human, and electronic security. Computers used to program electronic voting equipment must be hardened systems, which means they must be single-purpose computers with no unnecessary software, and unable to connect to the Internet.
- The Town Clerk will always publicly test voting equipment for accuracy before each election. Voting equipment memory devices are secured in the machines with tamper-evident seals.
- All Election Day ballots are counted at the polling place. Voters feed their ballots into a scanner that records and tabulates their votes. All absentee ballots are counted at a central location and are also fed into a scanner that records and tabulates the votes. Members of the public can observe the counting of ballots.
- After the polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, voting equipment is switched into reporting mode to print an official results tape. Members of the public can be present to hear the results read aloud and to view the tapes. On Election Night, official results in the form of paper tapes and electronic memory devices are transported to the municipal Clerk's office. The Election Official will also transmit unofficial results to the Marathon County Clerk via a cellular wireless modem.
- The Marathon County Clerk will compile all unofficial results from each voting location within the county. **The County Clerk's office is also required to post unofficial election results to its website within 2 hours of receiving the election results.** Official results are certified by the County Boards of Canvassers, comprised of the County Clerk and 2 members of the public from opposite political parties. They must meet by the Tuesday after the election to open and publicly examine the returns. County canvassers have 10 days after the election to certify and deliver a statement of canvass to the Wisconsin Elections Commission using the Canvass Reporting System.
- After each November election, state law requires the WEC to direct an audit of every type of voting equipment used in the state to ensure that voting equipment used in Wisconsin is accurately counting ballots according to federal standards.

The WEC continues to develop extensive plans for Election Security Preparation and Incident Prevention, Election Security Incident Response, and Election Security Communications. More information on Wisconsin's election security can be found at: <https://elections.wi.gov/elections-voting/security>.

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SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

• Town Budget Meeting

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

• Spring Primary

APRIL 7, 2020

• Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

715-241-8209

Town Office Part-time Employee

TAX COLLECTION

877-687-3445

Greg Schmidt (Contracted Service)

ASSESSOR

715-355-6763

Non-emergency

FIRE & EMS

715-359-4202

Non-emergency

POLICE EVEREST METRO

715-359-6114

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Village of Weston

715-359-6114

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Village of Weston

715-848-3355

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Arnie Baumann

TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

Town Board always meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Municipal Court room (5209 Mesker St.) The Town's Annual meeting is scheduled for April 25 at 6:30pm.

