



Winneconne's Historical Crossing

Village of Winneconne's Newsletter

Message from President John Rogers



Year after year the Village discusses what has gone well in the past and numerous ways that the organization can work better for everyone. Ideas come from staff, volunteers and elected Trustees. However, if we truly want to improve the services we provide as well as determine what our residents would like to see changed, we should look to all of you and ask the question: What do I want out of the Village government and how can I make this community a better place to live? It is a simple idea, but sometimes it is the simplest things that are overlooked options.

This is where each of you come in!

Moving forward, the Village staff and Board will be expecting questions and ideas as to what you would like provided or not provided by the Village. We each have different ideas as to what the government does, and that is okay because a discussion of ideas is exactly what makes this country so great. If you have an idea

about decorating Main Street or how we could plow snow better; stop in. Make your voice heard as that is the only way we can know what we can do better.

It is difficult to know what people want when few show up to meetings and even fewer express ideas or concerns directly to the staff. If you think there should be some changes or cost saving ideas, point them out. Your Village Board and staff are interested in providing a safe and high quality community which begins with each of you.

As we move into the year, take notice of the great things going on around you and ask yourself how can I contribute to the community. We have businesses being purchased by a new generation of entrepreneurs (Wolf Isle Bar & Grill and Landing on the Wolf), church congregations addressing hunger issues and a Community Foundation funding great projects throughout the community. These are all amazing contributions to this community being done by your neighbors and friends. The only question is; what will you do to contribute to this great community you call home?

John Rogers, President

Spring/Summer 2016



Owners of Wolf Isle Bar & Grill, Max Clifford and Shaun Lawson, were welcomed to Winneconne by the Village Board and Winneconne Area Chamber of Commerce on January 12th. The new eatery is located at 235 W. Main St., Winneconne.



The 2016 Village Wide Brat Fry is August 10th. It is your opportunity to talk to or ask questions of the Village Trustees and Staff and enjoy a free brat dinner.

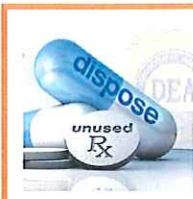


Marble Park Pool will open the beginning of June. Cool off while enjoying Winneconne's unique pool with sandy beaches and the new inflatable toys.

The Winneconne Area Community Foundation (WACF) is going to host their 2nd Annual Whistle Stop Event on Sunday, May 15, 2016 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This will take place again at the Winneconne Historical Society grounds in the northeast corner of Marble Park. Learn more about WACF and the many opportunities to make a difference by investing in our community for the future. Free food, entertainment and self-guided tours of the museum complex. (The WACF was instrumental in raising funds to purchase the new pool inflatables.)



Prescription Drug Take Back Day



This spring Winneconne Police Department is partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Justice for another Prescription Drug Take Back Day! The focus is on removing potentially dangerous pharmaceutical substances from our community's medicine cabinets and preventing them from going into our landfills and water supply. The actual date has not been set yet. Keep watching our website or Facebook page for updated information.

Winneconne Police Department



Winter is nearing its end and Spring is right around the corner. Below are a few Village Ordinance reminders:

- ◆ No parking on Village streets from November 1st through March 31st.
- ◆ Do not plow or blow snow onto the streets
- ◆ Within 24 hours after the snow event you must have sidewalks clear of snow
- ◆ Parking unattached trailers on the street is limited to 72 hours, (April thru October)
- ◆ Maintain lawns. Weeds and grass growth in excess of 8 inches is prohibited
- ◆ Do not blow grass clippings in the street; this plugs storm drains and restricts water drainage from the streets

- ◆ If you are doing any home remodeling projects or construction work, check with the Village Hall at 582-4381 prior to the start of the project to determine if you need a permit
- ◆ To limit obstructions, keep trees and branches trimmed no less than 8 feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet above the street

We are here for you. Let us know what we can do for you. If you have any safety concerns or questions on Village Ordinances **See it—Report it!** and call us at 920-582-9944 or email at prunning@winneconnewi.gov Your police department and its officers are here to help you. If you have any community concerns, please call, stop by or flag down an office while they are on patrol.



Pete Running, Chief of Police



Daily trailer parking permits for boat launch parking lots are available at the launches; annual permits are available at the Village Hall, Critters & Wolf River Resort.



Dog licenses are due. The cost is \$10 per dog or \$5 per neutered/spayed dog. Proof of rabies is required. Avoid a \$92.50 citation and late fee of \$5 by registering your dog before March 31st.

The Village Compost Site will open for the 2016 season on April 2nd. Spring Clean-up Days are April 4th thru April 9th. The purchase of a compost sticker is required and the sticker needs to be affixed to your vehicle's windshield or you may receive a citation from our Police Department. Residents only can purchase a compost sticker for \$5 at the Village Hall during regular business hours 8 AM—4:30 PM Monday thru Friday, or at the compost site on days that the site is open.



Public Works Department

I hope these friendly reminders and updates from the Public Works Department can help you plan your activities.

- ◆ **Water Utility.** The water utility is required to flush mains and hydrants twice a year. Sometime in Spring is the next flushing. Some water users may notice “cloudy” or “brownish colored” water. This is normal and should dissipate after running your water for a few minutes. If your water does not clear up please contact us immediately. Thank you for your patience during this process.
- ◆ **Wastewater Treatment.** A new camera was purchased that is to be used in our water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer systems. In the past, the Village has contracted this service out and it cost thousands of dollars. Now we will be able to confirm or handle leaks and other issues in a more time effective and cost effective manner.
- ◆ **Park Shelters and Restrooms.** The park shelters and restrooms have been closed since last October and will be re-opened in late spring, usually around the middle of May. The portable toilets, located in the parks and the boat landing on North 1st Street are pulled for the winter due to freezing. They will be put back late in March.
- ◆ **Safety.** Please use caution when driving around Village vehicles, work areas, school crossings and crosswalks. Reaching a destination a few minutes later is a small price to pay for the safety of our workers, children and pedestrians.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Village Hall or you can go to our new website and complete a Report a Concern form.

<http://winneconnewi.gov/>

Kirk Ruetten, Public Works Director

Parks Department

MARBLE PARK is located on more than 46 acres between South 6th Street, Main Street and Grant Street on the SW side of the Village. Inflatable pool objects were purchased with donations raised by the Winneconne Area Community Foundation and installed by our staff. Ball diamond number 2 (also known as the softball diamond) was tiled for better drainage.



The Historical Society's Museums are located along Main Street on the north end of this park. There are five buildings filled with nostalgic items on display.

There has been repairs to the foundation of the Little Country House and outdoor lights installed on the Railroad Depot. Plans for roof replacement and easier to maintain landscaping is in the works.



These museums are open every Sunday between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Private tours can be scheduled for school groups, organizations, corporate events etc. Call Joe or Arline Hoenecke for reservations. 920-582-7643.

COUGHLIN PARK consists of 3 acres located on the south side of Grant Street just west of South 6th Street. Recent developments to this park include 1800 feet of walking path, a four stall parking lot, two ADA fishing piers and a canoe/kayak launch.

LAKE WINNECONNE PARK is on 14 acres located along Lake Winneconne at the end of North 2nd, 3rd and 4th Avenues. A new removable dock was installed at the boat landing. This dock will be removed for winter and reset for summer on the same schedule that the navigation buoys are put in and out of the water. Even though the dock is removed, the boat landing is still available for use, weather permitting. Students from the Winneconne High School shop class constructed new wooden signs to welcome people to Lake Winneconne Park. They were painted by residents on the Beautification Committee and the metal roofing on each sign was donated by Kuehni Roofing.



WATERFRONT PARK is a 1.3 acre parcel, located across the street from Village Hall on South 1st Street. With the help of the Beautification Committee two new concrete entrances were poured and this Spring pilings donated by Radtke's will be installed at those entrances. On North 1st Street next to the Fin n' Feather Restaurant, we have a one acre parking lot with a boat landing. At this boat landing the sea wall was removed, repaired and replaced. Improvements were made to the parking lot and new lights were installed at the boat landing. The asphalt improvements will continue in 2016. This boat landing is the first to open in the spring, with easy access to river fishing on the north side of the State Highway 116 bridge.

Did you know Winneconne has an outdoor archery range? It is located at the southwest end of Marble Park with a parking lot along Grant Street. Use of the range is open to the public and free; on a first come first serve basis.



We are now booking park shelters for the 2017 season. An increase in rental fees has been approved by the Village Board. Call for availability or check on our new website.

If you are walking your dog in one of our parks please be respectful to others that use the facilities. Keeps dogs on a leash, pick-up refuse after your dog, use caution around other dogs and young children. Ball diamonds are to be used for baseball and softball only. **DO NOT** allow your dog to roam or be on the diamonds.



The Village Board has given approval to begin negotiations with the Oshkosh YMCA for the management of the swimming, baseball and softball programs. Watch for more information coming out soon!



Sovereign State Days
July 15, 16 and 17, 2016

Your Village office staff: Kirk Ruetten, Mary Lou Schroeder, Mitch Foster, Kathy McQueen, Jaci Stelzner and Chief Running. And your Village Board - Chris Boucher, John Rogers, Ed Fischer, Jeanne Lehr, Joe Hoenecke and Doug Falk. Missing from photo is Trustee, Andy Beiser and Library Director, Holly Selwitschka.



From the Administrator

I hope you are enjoying living in this beautiful place we call home. As the new Administrator for the Village of Winneconne, I wanted to take the time to write this article as not only an introduction to me, but also as an introduction to some of the upcoming initiatives in the Village.

As for me, I am a born-and-bred Michigander who happened to find himself falling in love with this great state. After receiving my Masters in Public Administration, I had the good fortune of landing a Village Management position in the small community of Kingsley, MI (pop. 1,250). I have been married to my wife, Becky, for just over two years and we plan on being here in Winneconne for quite some time, or as long as you all want me!

Now that is enough about me, let's focus on what is going on in the Village this upcoming Spring and Summer.

- ◆ The Village will be making improvements to the Barn at Lake Winneconne Park (new roof and interior paint), new wood chips around all of the public playground areas throughout the parks and the extension of the Marble Park trail to become a full loop to help all you walkers and joggers.
- ◆ As you look at the Municipal Building itself, the Village will be looking at fixing issues with the large, eastern facing window. Since the completion of the building, there have been numerous issues related with that section including major leaks and we hope to resolve those this summer.
- ◆ With the addition of new Public Works Director Kirk Ruetten, the Village will be embarking upon a scheduled road maintenance program this summer. You will see the Village crew as well as contracted firms out and about the roadways to help them last longer.
- ◆ One of the bigger items that we will be asking for your help on, is the development of a strategic vision and goals for the Village for the next year, five years and ten years. The process will require citizen comment as well as Village Board and staff discussion. Look to the Village website and Facebook page for more information as we move forward.
- ◆ The final item I wanted to touch on is the STH 116 and bridge project. To update all of you, the current timeline for the project is as follows:
 - ⇒ May 3, 2016—Public Information Meeting @ 6:00 PM in the LGL room at the Winneconne Middle School
 - ⇒ Winter 2016 – Acquisition of properties for bridge project will be complete.
 - ⇒ Spring 2017 – Bidding of bridge project will occur.
 - ⇒ Summer 2017 – Bridge project will commence with project slated to finish at end of 2017.
 - ⇒ Winter 2017 – Bidding of the Main Street project will occur.
 - ⇒ Spring 2018 – Main Street reconstruction project begins with traffic re-routed through Village.
 - ⇒ Spring 2019 – New fishing piers will be built.

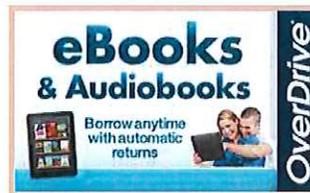
As we move forward, the Village will continue to ask for community input on not only the big project but in other items as well so please be on the lookout!

If there is ever anything you need help or information about within the Village, please don't hesitate to contact me or anyone in the Village offices.

Mitchell Foster, Administrator



Stay Connected with the Winneconne Public Library!



Makerspaces for All Ages—Adults Children

Summer Reading Program 2016—Ready, Set, Ready!

Overdrive E-Book & Audiobooks Available

Door County Coffee Partnership

See our website for further program details. www.winneconnelibrary.org

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