

Dog Licenses

All dogs over 5 months kept in the Town must be licensed annually with the proof of a current rabies shot. All the information needed is on the proof of rabies from the vet. Proof of spay or neuter must be verified with initial application only. The cost of a spayed or neutered dog license is \$13, all others are \$30. You may purchase a license when you pay your taxes. Late fees, per dog, apply after March 31. New dog applications are on the Town's website.

Elections

All elections are held at the Town Hall from 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. Voter ID is now in effect. Voter registration is required and can be done during office hours or on the day of the election at the polls (W8590 Willis Ray Road). Contact the Clerk at 262.473.4639 to register to vote or for an absentee ballot.

Bicycling, Walking, and Jogging

Exercise is encouraged in the Town. Persons riding bikes must follow all traffic laws. Walkers and joggers are reminded that they must walk on the *left side of the road facing oncoming traffic*. For safety, please be alert of all traffic.

Recreational Vehicles

Mini bikes, go-carts, four-wheelers, ATVs and snowmobiles are not allowed on town roads.

Lake Access

There are several lake accesses where boats can be launched. Rice Lake has a State launch on the right side of State Park Road and Whitewater Lake has a launch on the left side of State Park Road at JNT Parkside Marina. The other launches on Kettle Moraine Drive and East Lake Shore Drive have no available parking. Any cars parked on the road must have all four wheels off the blacktop.

Clover Valley Flowing Well

Stop and have a cool drink of spring water and relax. The Channing Flowing Well wayside is located on Clover Valley Road and is used by people daily. There are no restrooms or waste containers available. The water is tested every year by Walworth County.

Road Maintenance

Town of Whitewater provides snowplowing, sanding, mowing, and maintenance for all town roads. The schedule for snow plowing is determined by road usage. The town has 52 miles of road to plow, so please be patient. Please respect the road right-of-way by not using it for dumping of refuse, leaves, or branches. When plowing your driveway, **do not** push the snow **across the road** onto Town right-of-way. Please report any dangerous road conditions by calling the Town Hall at 262.473.4639.

Parking and/or Storage on Roads or Road Right-of-Way

There is no parking allowed on any town roads or lake accesses. If you are having a family gathering and you need additional parking other than your driveway, contact the Sheriff's Department for permission to park. All wheels must be off the road. There is no storage permitted in the Town right-of-way.

Note: Any work done in the town right-of-way must be approved by the township prior to starting work.

Fireworks

The Town only issues fireworks permits to licensed pyrotechnics with insurance. Please call the Town Hall to obtain a permit.

Building Permits

State Law requires a building permit to ensure all State Codes are followed. Contact the Building Inspector for an appointment at 920.675.9062.

Weed Notice

State law prohibits growth of noxious weeds on any lands. Property owners are expected to destroy all noxious weeds before the plants bloom. Failure to do so could result in a 5-day written notice to destroy and if not complied with, such weeds are destroyed and the expense is charged to the said land owner on the next tax bill.

Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District

This is a governmental district which provides maintenance for preservation of Whitewater and Rice Lakes. If you are in this district, there is a charge on your tax bill. Their meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the Town hall at 7 pm.

Town of Whitewater Information & Reference Guide

Walworth County, Wisconsin

The Town of Whitewater is a thriving rural community located in southern Wisconsin in the heart of Kettle Moraine Country. The first people to live on Whitewater Lake were the Algonquin Indians, their tribe name was *Wau-be-gan-naw-po-cat* which means whitish or muddy water. Governor Doty later gave the lake the Menomonee name *Waubish Nepayuaw* meaning Whitewater. There was skirmish in Whitewater between Chief Black Hawk and General Atkinson over lands promised to the Indians in the Treaty of 1804. As early as 1830 Norwegian settlers came to the area. The records of 1843 show them as the first white settlers. In the year 1844, thirty seven Norwegian immigrants settled near the Heart Prairie on the wooded high grounds of Whitewater Lake. In the 1840's the first dam was built near Rice Lake. In 1855 the first church was built, called Heart Prairie Lutheran Church. This church still stands on Chapel Drive and services are held there on summer weekends.

The Town of Whitewater has grown into a beautiful community nestled in the Kettle Moraine Area. There is much to say about this beautiful recreational area around Rice and Whitewater Lakes. As it started out being an agricultural area, there is still pride in the farming community. The Town offers manufacturing, shopping, banking and restaurants. Our neighbor, the City of Whitewater, has additional shopping, restaurants, banking and a variety of cultural and theatrical productions offered by the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, as well as educational opportunities. There are emergency facilities and health care services offered as well.

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Email: townofwhitewater@yahoo.com

Town Hall office hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00am—noon

Other times by appointment

Chairperson

Lowell Hagen

N8944 Parker Road
262.903.1346 (cell)

**First Side Supervisor
Responsible for roads**

Bob Strand

W8244 Elkhorn Road
262.391.3421 (cell)

Email: strand_builders@yahoo.com

Second Side Supervisor

Rep. for WW/Rice Lakes and Safety Patrol.

Norman Prusener

W7920 Reliance Road
262.473.2314

Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Hintz

262.473.4639 (town hall)

Assessor

Gardiner Appraisal
PO Box 131

Mineral Point, WI 53565
www.assessordata.org
888.756.9726

Building Inspector

For inspections/appointments call

MZIS at 920-675-9062 or mzis.biz

Email: municipalzoningandinspection@gmail.com

Emergency Numbers

Call 911 for any emergency!

Public Service Numbers

Walworth County Sheriff 262.741.4400

Ordinance Enforcement & non-emergency

Boat Safety Patrol 262.741.4400

Lakeland Animal Shelter 262.723.3899

Jefferson Co. Humane Society 920.674.5218

Town Board Meetings

The Town of Whitewater is governed by a three-member board that meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Agendas and notices are posted at the Town Hall, Oak Terrace, the Flowing Well, and on www.townofwhitewater.org. You are encouraged to attend meetings or to contact any town official with concerns or interest.

Town Assessor

If you wish to speak to the town assessor, please call Gardiner Appraisals at 608.235.1815. Watch for Open Book during the month of May and Board of Review during the month of June. Website www.assessordata.org

Taxes

Tax bills are usually mailed in early December.

The **full or first** installment is due by January 31st.

Checks are payable to the Town of Whitewater and can be mailed to the Town Hall or put in the Drop Box on the shop door at the Town Hall. **Second installments** are due July 31 and payable to the Walworth County Treasurer and sent to PO Box 1001, Elkhorn, WI 53121.

If you move, please contact the Walworth County Property Lister Office before November 15 @ 262.741.4255.

Just a reminder: All tax payments made from February 1 through July 31 should be mailed to the Walworth County Treasurer, P.O. Box 1001, Elkhorn, WI 53121, or dropped off in Elkhorn at the Walworth County Treasurer's Office. Make checks out to Walworth County Treasurer. Final tax payments are due July 31 to the Walworth County Treasurer. Walworth County does NOT send out second installment reminder notices.

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Fire & Ambulance Calls

The Town contracts with the City of Whitewater for these services. There is a fire call charge of at least **\$900 whenever** the trucks leave the garage even for a false alarm or an unreported controlled burn. The City will bill all ambulance call charges depending on equipment used and distance to hospital. Both of these services are provided by volunteers. Payments for these services are due upon receipt. If you have health insurance, please contact them for payment of ambulance bills.

To Report a Controlled Fire Burn

If you plan a controlled fire, call the Whitewater Fire Dept. @ 262.473.0555 and the Walworth County Sheriff Dept. @ 262.741.4400. Be sure to give your location and name. If someone reports a fire that has not be called in and fire trucks are dispatched, you will be charged the \$900 for the fire call. Someone must be at the burn site until the fire is out.

Refuse/Recyclable Collection

The pick up schedule will be mailed with your tax payment receipt. If you don't get one or misplace yours, ask for another one at the Town Hall. Place totes about three feet from the edge of the road on pickup day. The only time items can be placed at the roadside without being in one of the totes is on bulk pickup day. Shredded paper must be put into a plastic bag. Please dispose of medical needles in a special container from your medical provider. If you move into a new house, please call the town hall to begin service. Trash and recycling fees are listed as a special assessment on your tax bill.

Branch chipping service

This service is available the first Monday of each month from May through October by appointment only. Call 262.473.4639 and leave your name, address and phone number on the answering machine **by the Friday before**. All ends of branches must be placed in an orderly fashion in a stack 5 ft. wide x 3 ft. high facing the road by your fire number, or your branches will not be chipped. Do NOT put any roots in with your branches. Do NOT place branches across the road in the ditch. If there is a breakdown of equipment, chipping will commence when repairs are made. Yard leaves/waste should be bagged and delivered to John's Disposal facility at W3875 Hwy U, Whitewater, WI 53190, 262.473.4701.