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 for 2019 is $14, all others are $33. 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. The easiest way to register to vote is online at: https://myvote.wi.gov/ or 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 with questions.

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 and results are on the town website: www.townof whitewater.org under General Info and then Resources.

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. 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 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 pyrotechnics 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, MZIS, for an appointment at 920.676.9062.

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.
Emergency Numbers
Call 911 for any emergency!

Public Service Numbers
Walworth County Sheriff 262.741.4400
(For ordinance Enforcement & non-emergencies)
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. (April is the third Wednesday of the month). Agendas and notices are posted at the Town Hall and on the town website at: www.townofwhitewater.org. You are encouraged to attend meetings or to contact any town official with concerns or questions.

Town Assessor
If you wish to speak to the town assessor, please call Gardiner Appraisal 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 by 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.

Fire & Ambulance Calls
The Town contracts with the City of Whitewater for these services. There is a minimum fire call charge of $1,000 whenever the trucks leave the garage even for a false alarm or an unreported controlled burn. The City will bill ambulance call charges depending on equipment used and distance to hospital. 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
Report all controlled fires to the Whitewater Fire Dept. @ 262.473.0555 and the Walworth County Sheriff Dept. @ 262.741.4400. If someone reports a fire that has not been called in and fire trucks are dispatched, you will be charged for the fire call. Someone must be at the burn site until the fire is out.

Refuse/Recyclable Collection
New in 2019: Garbage and recycling will be picked up every week. Place totes about three feet from the edge of the road on pickup day. Bulk pickup may be scheduled any time during the month by calling John’s Disposal at 262.473.4700. The bulk pick up, which now includes televisions and electronics, is the only time things can be put out without being in a John’s Disposal container. Shredded paper must be put into a plastic bag. 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 charge 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. Yard leaves/waste should be bagged and delivered to John’s Disposal facility at W3875 Hwy U, Whitewater, WI 53190, 262.473.4700.

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