



# Winfield News

*This newsletter is for all Town of Winfield residents and residential property owners.  
It contains recycling information and the latest in town news.*

**December 2023**

## **Letter from the Chairperson**

Kurt will update for 2024. As the current year ends and the new year begins, we plan to continue maintaining our roads, brushing, and ditching where needed. This coming spring, we will review the road work needed. Sauk County will continue to do our repairs, shouldering, mowing, brushing, and snow plowing. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me at 608-963-7073. Have a safe and healthy 2023.

*Kurt Mead, Chairperson*

## **Ambulance Service**

The Town of Winfield has been a part of the Reedsburg Area Ambulance Commission since its inception in 2010. The commission included 10 towns, 3 villages, and the City of Reedsburg. Effective 12/31/23, this commission will be dissolved and the ambulance service will be controlled by the City of Reedsburg. The town signed a contract to have the City of Reedsburg provide all ambulance services to town residents.

## **Town Web Site**

On the town's web site, you can find meeting agendas and minutes, a calendar, forms, and ordinances.

Town Web Site: [www.townofwinfieldwi.com](http://www.townofwinfieldwi.com)

You can also like us on Facebook!

## **The Numbers**

Estimated Winfield Population: 895  
Estimated Number of Voting Age: 697  
Number of Registered Voters: 568

## **Age Ranges of Registered Voters**

18-19 years	10
20-29 years	49
30-39 years	55
40-49 years	87
50-59 years	128
60-69 years	115
70-79 years	94
80-89 years	28
90-99 years	2

## **Dog Licenses**

The town treasurer issues dog licenses. You may use the form found later in this newsletter. If you get a dog from the Sauk County Humane Society, they may also issue you a dog license.

## **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.

### Stop Lines

Have you noticed most town roads now have a large white line at the intersection with another road? The county installed these stop lines. According to state statute, if there is a clearly marked stop line, the operator shall stop the vehicle immediately before crossing such line.

### Plan Commission

Current Plan Commission members include:  
Chairman Brad Schyvinck  
Secretary Andrew Rockweiler  
Jerry Dorow  
Scott Wafle  
Town Board Rep Kurt Mead

### Comprehensive Plan

In 2005, the Town of Winfield began their work on developing a comprehensive plan. The purpose of the plan is to promote informed land use decisions. This includes the town guiding future growth, development, and preservation.

The plan:

1. identifies those areas appropriate for development and preservation
2. preserves wildlife habitat
3. preserves wooded hillsides, farmsteads, fields, and prairies
4. maintains the overall rural community atmosphere
5. encourages a balance between proposed development and resource protection

Most items reviewed by the Plan Commission include certified survey maps and driveway permits. Other items include subdivision plans, conditional use permits, planned community development, building accessory structures, and annexations.

State statutes require the plan to be reviewed annually. The Plan Commission and Town Board have been doing an extensive review of the plan over the last few months. The goal is to have a public hearing on the updated plan in the first part of 2024.

### Building Permit Information

If you plan to build a new agricultural building, contact Kurt Mead for a permit at 608-963-7073.

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 608-963-7073.

If you plan to install or change a driveway, please contact the town clerk at 608-524-6654.

### Election Dates

2/20/24	spring primary if needed
4/2/24	spring election and presidential preference primary
8/13/24	primary election
11/5/24	general election

### Recycling & Garbage Update

We contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) for our garbage and recycling pick up for household waste. They do not pick up furniture-type items.

Please see the enclosed calendar and instructions.

Cost: \$160.44 per year (added to your tax bill).

Contact Number for Customer Service: 608-580-0580.

Pick Up Day: Garbage every Tuesday. Recyclables every other Tuesday.

Exceptions: Please note that due to the holidays, our pick up day may occasionally be a Wednesday. In 2024, these Wednesdays are: 1/3/24, 5/29/24, and 9/4/24.

### Election Info

**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.

**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 request an absentee ballot from this web site and register to vote. Check out this web site: <http://myvote.wi.gov>.

### Road Upkeep

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Road Maintenance \$5,911

Snow Plowing \$111,763

Brushing \$4,871

Mowing \$9,639

Emergency Tree Removal \$2,947

### 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.

### Town of Winfield Contacts

Chairperson Kurt Mead	608-963-7073
Supervisor I Jerry Moll	608-963-5992
Supervisor II Jeremy Schyvinck	608-963-3450
Treasurer Robin Craker	608-524-6261
Clerk Teresa Bass	608-524-6654
Assessor Holloway Appraisal	608-374-4207
Building Notification: Kurt Mead	608-963-7073
UDC Inspector: Dennis Butteris, General Engineering Company	608-617-1216

### County Board Rep

Our representative on the Sauk County Board of Supervisors is:

Lynn Eberl

608-219-0388

[lynn.eberl@saukcountywi.gov](mailto:lynn.eberl@saukcountywi.gov)

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### Mental Health Check-in

Mental Health issues can affect anyone.

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. And, it helps determine how we manage stress, relate to others, and make choices.

An estimated 1 in 5 (21.8%) of Sauk County adults have depression. \*

Everyone feels down occasionally, but if your sadness continues for more than 2 weeks with some of the symptoms listed below, it could be depression.

- Feelings of guilt or worthlessness
- Lack of interest or energy for everyday activities
- Loss of interest or pleasure for activities that used to be enjoyable
- Changes in weight or appetite
- Changes in sleep habits or energy level
- Difficulty concentrating
- Suicidal thoughts

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: call or text 988

24/7 Uplift WI: 1-534-202-5438  
from noon-midnight daily

Take a Free Mental Health Assessment at <https://saukcounty.crediblemind.com>.

\*Data Source: CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2021

### Burning Permits

Burning permits are required by the Wisconsin DNR. Obtain a free permit by calling the hotline 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily to have a burning permit mailed to you. Permits may also be obtained from the Reedsburg Police Department at 200 South Park Street. Phone: 608-524-2376. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.