



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 2024

Letter from the Chairman

As the current year ends and the new year begins, we plan to continue maintaining our roads, brushing, and ditching where needed. Our big project in 2025 will be the replacement of the Bass Road Bridge. Sauk County will continue to do our repairs, shouldering, mowing, brushing, and snow plowing. If anyone has any concerns, please contact me at 608-963-7073. Have a safe and healthy 2025.

Kurt Mead, Chairman

Well Water Testing

In July 2024, Sauk County coordinated a well water testing program for the Towns of Winfield, Reedsburg, and Westfield. A total of 65 private wells were tested in the 3 townships; 32 from Winfield. Of the 65 wells tested, 38% had bacteria present. Well owners were encouraged to have their wells tested again and then take appropriate action.

For more information, go to:
<https://sauk.extension.wisc.edu/community-development/sauk-county-drinking-water-testing-program/>

Driveway Permits

A Driveway Permit Application is required for all new driveways and existing driveways that undergo repairs involving changes.

Changes do not include blacktopping or sealcoating an existing driveway, or adding gravel to an existing driveway.

For driveway access to a county road, contact the Sauk County Highway Department.

For driveway access to a state road, contact the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

The permit applies to the first 33 feet of the driveway through the town road right of way.

The permit fee is \$75 per driveway accessing a town road.

The application form may be picked up from the town hall or on the town's web site.

Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Winfield Comprehensive Plan was reviewed and updated over this last year. The plan may be viewed on Sauk County's website. Do a search for Town of Winfield Comprehensive Plan.

Small Bridge & Culvert Program

The State of Wisconsin required the Town to conduct an inventory of its small bridges and culverts with a span of 6-20 feet. We have 17 identified culverts.

Certified Survey Maps (CSM)

When a certified survey map is presented to the Plan Commission and Town Board, the surveyor must include the Right to Farm Law statement and confirm that adjoining property owners were informed that a CSM was being done. The fee to present the CSM is \$75.

Bass Road Bridge

The Bass Road Bridge will be replaced in 2025. We anticipate work to begin mid-May and go through July.

Notice of Spring Election

Notice is hereby given that an election to be held in the Town of Winfield on April 1, 2025, for the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Office and Incumbent:

Town Board Chairperson – Kurt Mead

Town Board Supervisor I – Jerry Moll

Town Board Supervisor II –

Jeremy Schyvinck

Town Clerk – Teresa Bass

Town Treasurer – Robin Craker

Notice is further given that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers in the office of the town clerk is 5 p.m. on January 7, 2025.

Notice is further given that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Contact the town clerk for paperwork.

Building Inspections

Starting in 1980, the State of Wisconsin required a building inspection to be done on all new one- and two-family dwellings. This year, the Town of Winfield expanded on this requirement to include:

1. any house remodels and additions that increase the square footage, including attached garages and decks,
2. any new electric service, including meter sockets and disconnect services,
3. any electrical temporary service to facilitate a new service,
4. installation of solar panels,
5. any new plumbing service in home additions,
6. any new heating, ventilation, air conditioning in home additions,
7. changing an existing building to a dwelling.

Please contact the town chairman before beginning any of the above items. Also, please contact the town chairman for any house remodels that do not increase the square footage, for detached garages, and sheds.

General Engineering Company provides our building inspections. They will be charging a fee for their services.

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

You can also like us on Facebook!

The Numbers

Estimated Winfield Population: 894

Estimated Number of Voting Age: 697

Number of Registered Voters: 633

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.

Election Fun Facts

Paper or electronic? That is the question voters are asked when they receive a ballot on election day. Paper ballots are requested by voters 67 percent of the time, and electronic ballots are requested by 33 percent of the voters.

The busiest times of the day to vote are between 10 a.m. and noon, and again from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

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

Election Dates

2/18/25	spring primary
4/1/25	spring election
TBD	primary election
11/4/25	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: \$166.44 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 2025, these Wednesdays are: 5/28/25 and 9/3/25.

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 Expenses Jan - Nov

Road Maintenance \$92,997

Snow Plowing \$63,482

Brushing \$377

Mowing \$7,876

Emergency Tree Removal \$6,750

Town of Winfield Contacts

Chairperson Kurt Mead	608-963-7073
Supervisor Jerry Moll	608-963-5992
Supervisor 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

S913 Christmas Mountain Drive

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

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.

Radon Testing

Radon is a naturally occurring gas that is radioactive. It can leak into your home and is common in Wisconsin. It is invisible, has no smell, and is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S.

The Sauk County Health Department suggests that all residents test their homes for radon every two to three years. You can check the levels in your home with a simple and affordable test. A radon testing kit can be purchased for \$10 at the following locations:

- Public Health Sauk County, 505 Broadway St, Baraboo, WI
- Reedsburg City Hall, 134 Locust St, Reedsburg, WI

If you have questions about radon or radon testing, please contact the Sauk County Environmental Health Team at (608)-355-4327 or visit

<https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/environmental-health/radon>.

Composting is Recycling

Items to compost include:

- ✓ breads and grains
- ✓ cardboard rolls
- ✓ clean paper
- ✓ coffee grounds and filters
- ✓ cotton or wool rags
- ✓ dryer and vacuum lint
- ✓ eggshells
- ✓ fireplace ashes
- ✓ fruits and vegetables (cooked or uncooked)
- ✓ grass clippings and young weeds
- ✓ hay and straw
- ✓ houseplants
- ✓ leaves, branches, twigs
- ✓ nut shells
- ✓ paper tea bags (staple removed)
- ✓ paper towels and napkins
- ✓ sawdust
- ✓ shredded newspaper
- ✓ used potting soil
- ✓ wood chips