

TOWN OF WINDSOR



Photo by Jake Kurtz

Windsor town supervisors Bruce Stravinski, Bob Wipperfurth, Don Madelung and Monica Smith meet with visitors at an incorporation open house last Saturday at DMB Community Center in Windsor.

Continuing to educate the electorate

Pair of open houses last shot for Windsor voters to have questions answered

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With less than three weeks until the Nov. 3 referendum on incorporation, Windsor supervisors continue to host open houses and provide presentations as part of an effort to educate the electorate about the town's efforts to become a village.

And with each public forum, Town Board Chair Bob Wipperfurth said he and other supervisors are getting-

more and more new questions.

"People are coming out and they're asking really good questions and wanting to know how incorporation will affect them," Wipperfurth said. "It's also nice to hear some of these rumors out there so we can dispel them if needed."

Last week, Windsor officials met with the local Chamber of Commerce and hosted meetings at Windsor Town Hall and Parkside Village. On Saturday, residents came and went from DMB Windsor Neighborhood Center where stations were set up to provide answers on everything from taxes to infrastructure.

Among the more popular ques-

tions fielded of late, Wipperfurth said he has been asked if Windsor becoming a village would have any bearing on the school district and where students attend class.

"Where you're kids go to school now is where they will continue to attend," Wipperfurth said.

Board members have also been peppered with inquiries about public safety and fire protection. Specifically, Wipperfurth said residents want to know if Windsor will need to form its own police department or fire department.

"Windsor will continue to contract with the Dane County Sheriff's

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Department for services if we become a village," Wipperfurth said. "We will also look at adding deputies as our population grows."

As for its standing as a member of DeForest Area Fire and EMS, which Wipperfurth sits on the governing board of, nothing will change, he said.

"The answer to that is no, we will not be forming our own fire department and will remain a part of DeForest Area Fire and

EMS," he added.

A lingering point of confusion, Wipperfurth said, continues to be mailing addresses.

Many Windsor homes have mailing addresses for communities such as Morrisonville, DeForest and Sun Prairie. Despite that address, which is assigned by the U.S. Postal Service, these individuals are still Windsor residents.

"We're still seeing some confusion about people's mailing addresses versus their actual address and place of residence," Wipperfurth noted.

Future incorporation

open houses are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 6-8 p.m. at Windsor Elementary School, and Monday, Oct. 26 from 6-8 p.m. at Morrisonville Elementary. Information can also be found online at www.windsorwi.gov.

"The town will also be sending out some mailings before Nov. 3 and trying to communicate with as many residents as we can," Wipperfurth said.

Windsor residents who do come out to vote on Nov. 3 will need to present a photo ID as required by new state law.