

Officials now play waiting game

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Days ahead of a historic vote that will determine the future governmental structure of Windsor, town staff and supervisors mingled with a handful of residents in the small gymnasium at Morrisonville Elementary School.

The informational "open house" was the 10th (and final) such event organized by the town to educate residents about the Nov. 3 referendum. A sign-in sheet and complimentary tray of cookies greeted the dozen or so

people who attended Monday.

Tables were decorated with signs titled such things as "Myths and Legends," and "Services and Service Levels."

The open houses, coupled with four mailings and a number of other informational meetings are all part of a final push by Windsor officials to send an informed electorate to the ballot box next

Tuesday. While the first few meetings outdid expectations in terms of attendance, the past few have been more sparsely attended.

"I think we've done a good job communicating," town chairman Bob Wipperfurth said, as evi-

denced by the lower turnout at later gatherings.

Additionally, a group of private citizens supporting the incorporation and calling themselves the "Yes Committee" have been distributing the yard signs that can be seen throughout the town.

Supervisors themselves have gone door to door.

"We've dug everyone that lived in a cave out," Sup. Don Madelung said with a laugh, "and we've visited a few caves."

While privately all four town supervisors and the town chair-

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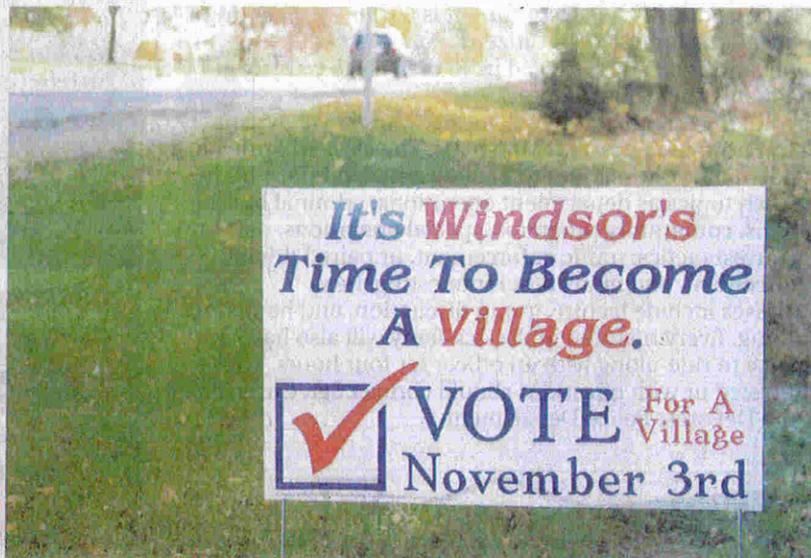


Photo by Jake Kurtz

Signs urging voters to support incorporation have popped up throughout Windsor in recent weeks.

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man have supported Windsor's push to become a village, the meetings, publicly, have remained informative in nature.

VOTING COMMENCES

While the referendum will be held Nov. 3, collection of absentee ballots is already underway.

As of Oct. 27 Windsor town clerk Christine Capstran had collected 145 absentee ballots with 46 still in circulation. Capstran said that typically the Thursday and Friday prior to an election is when the majority of the absentee ballots come in.

Capstran said that the town prepared for the referendum with turnout expect-

tations akin to those in a spring election, and that response thus far correlates.

"It's on track with what we see for an April election. It's what we prepared for," Capstran said.

PHOTO ID REQUIRED NOV. 3

Gov. Scott Walker signed Act 23 into law on May 25 creating a requirement that voters must show photo identification before casting a ballot.

A number of legal challenges have stalled implementation of the law, but earlier this year the Supreme Court rejected the most recent appeals and upheld the provision requiring a photo ID.

Windsor voters will experience the changes first hand, as a photo ID will be a requirement to vote in the

Nov. 3 referendum.

A driver license, state ID card, military ID card, or U.S. Passport (book or card) will satisfy the requirement, and all will be considered valid even if they have expired since the most recent general election in Nov. of 2014.

Other forms of ID may also be acceptable, including a Certificate of Naturalization, driver license receipt, ID issued by a federally recognized tribe, or accredited university or college ID. All forms of identification must feature a photo that reasonably resembles the person trying to vote.

Those in need of further information are encouraged to call Windsor clerk Christine Capstran at 608-846-3854, email at Christine@windsorwi.gov, or stop by the Windsor Town Hall.

VOTE NOVEMBER 3

On Election Day, voters must show one of the following photo IDs before they can cast a ballot:

- Wisconsin Driver License
- Wisconsin State ID Card
- Military ID Card
- U.S. Passport Book or Card

- A Certificate of Naturalization, within two years of issuance
- Driver License Receipt issued by the WI DOT, within 45 days of issuance
- ID issued by a federally recognized Wisconsin Indian Tribe
- A photo ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college, or technical college along with an enrollment verification document. Valid for two years from date of issuance.