

TOWN OF WINDSOR

Board pleased with resident response for incorporation

Supervisors still urge those with questions to attend sessions

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With three of the public information sessions regarding Windsor's incorporation bid complete, Town Chair Bob Wipperfurth said the town board is pleased with the turnout and feedback they've received, but more work is needed heading toward the Nov. 3 referendum.

"We've had three meetings on incorporation and

attendance has varied in numbers and the early feedback has been supportive," said Wipperfurth. "For the most part the response has been overwhelmingly positive on pursuing incorporation."

Wipperfurth added that each session has also been a "learning opportunity" for he and fellow town supervisors by showing them there are residents in need of answers.

Among them is the fact that many town of Windsor residents have mailing addresses that read Morrisonville, DeForest or

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Sun Prairie, as assigned by the U.S. Postal Service, which has created some confusion over how incorporation would affect them.

"Some people have a misunderstanding about their addresses," Wipperfurth said. "Some people in Windsor have a DeForest or Sun Prairie address, so they assume they live in those communities. We want to clarify with our residents that they do belong in Windsor."

Questions have also revolved around the referendum's intent and outcomes should Windsor receive approval to become a village.

"There are people under the impression that if they vote to become a village, that means we're merging with the village of DeForest," Wipperfurth said. "Voting for a village on Nov. 3 means you are voting for a village of Windsor, not a merger."

Wipperfurth said some resident feedback has included rumors that street lights and sidewalks may become mandatory in some Windsor neighborhoods,



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but Wipperfurth assured that "we don't see neighborhoods and their character changing" should the town ultimately incorporate.

"I spoke with a farmer this morning and he had a ques-

tion about taxation since we often refer to our farming land as a business park," Wipperfurth added. "I explained how that is more of a planning term and the form of taxation isn't going

to change."

Sup. Alan Buchner provided an incorporation presentation at a DeForest Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Tuesday. An informational open house will be held tonight (Oct. 8) from 4-6 p.m. at Windsor Town Hall, followed by sessions Friday at Parkside Village beginning at 9 a.m. and Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at DMB Community Center.

Open houses are also planned for Oct. 14 (7-9 p.m.) at Windsor Town Hall, Oct. 21 (6-8 p.m.) at Windsor Elementary School, and Oct. 26 (6-8 p.m.) at Morrisonville Elementary

School.

"These sessions for the most part have been different people at each, and we have been encouraging these people to spread the word to their neighbors and friends that if they have questions, they should contact town board members or town staff," Wipperfurth said. "It's a matter of getting the right information to the right people."

Wipperfurth also issued a reminder that new state law requires that a photo ID be presented when Windsor residents head to the polls on Nov. 3.

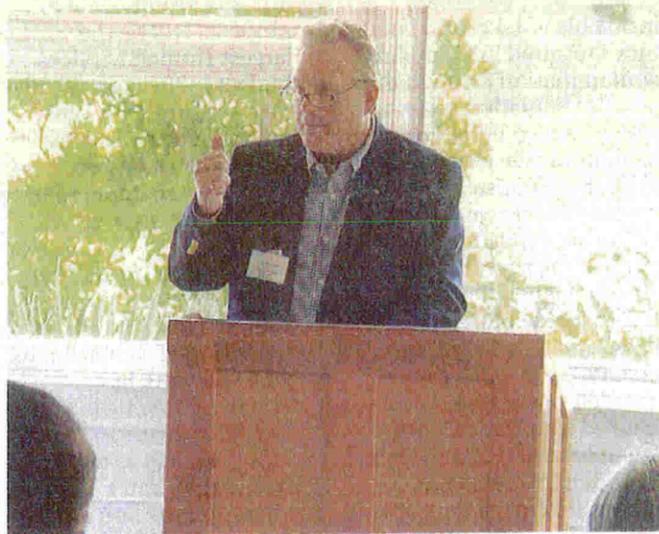


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Windsor Town Sup. Alan Buchner appeared before the DeForest Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday to discuss the Nov. 3 referendum and its implications.