

# VILLAGE OF WINDSOR

*Newsletter*



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## We want to hear from you!

The Village Board is seeking input on your use of the Recycling Center on Mueller Road, and the potential elimination of open burning in platted subdivisions. To access the survey go to [www.windsorwi.gov/survey](http://www.windsorwi.gov/survey). Survey closes February 29, 2020.



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# YEAR IN REVIEW - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*by Bob Wipperfurth, Village President*

The Village Board (Board) works diligently to provide you municipal services in a cost effective manner through management of the Village portion of your property taxes. In the last decade, the average increase on Windsor's portion of your property taxes was approximately \$12 per year on a \$300,000 home.

The Village's portion of tax dollars provides residents with many functions including a Community & Senior Center; Police, Fire & EMS Services; Election Administration; Planning/Development; Snow and Ice Removal; Parks; and Road Maintenance. In looking at Road Maintenance, the annual budget has increased from \$170,000 in 2010 to \$500,000 in 2020. These funds are used to chip seal, pulverize and overlay, general maintenance, etc. In addition to annual projects, the Board also considers additional project funding for large improvement projects, which include road reconstruction.

## **2019 Project Recap:**

- Bull Run multi-use path and flashing pedestrian crossing signage on Windsor Road.
- Maintenance seal coating approximately 5,900 feet in Bull Run Subdivision.
- Pulverize and overlay approximately 3,800 feet of roadway in Raintree Subdivision and approximately 4,800 feet of Egge Road, just east of CTH C to Village boundary.
- Installed flashing pedestrian crossing signage on Windsor Road near the Post Office.
- Drainage improvements at Windsor Municipal Building and DMB Neighborhood Center.
- Windsor Community Park in Bear Tree Subdivision was completed in fall of 2019.
- Windsor Hill Park new playground equipment.

## **We received several grants in 2019:**

- PARC & Ride Grant - Awarded a \$81,600 matching grant from Dane County for expansion of regional trail connectivity. The awarded funds are for the construction of the Bull Run trail extension, replacement of the Wolf Hollow boardwalk, and installation of trail signage along Sequoia Drive, Second Street, and Valiant Drive. The Bull Run trail extension was completed this past fall, replacement of the Wolf Hollow boardwalk will be completed this winter, and installation of trail signage will be completed in spring.
- 2020 Urban Forestry Grant - Awarded a \$17,028.40 matching grant for establishing a tree inventory & GIS Layer, Urban Forestry Plan and Emerald Ash Borer Plan.
- The DeForest Area Foundation Grant, submitted by the Token Creek Watershed Association on behalf of the Village, - Awarded up to \$10,000 for the materials and installation of a wildlife-viewing platform overlooking a sedge meadow within Token Creek Conservancy to be constructed in 2020.
- WCWA Grant - Awarded \$300 for fishing supplies for the annual Cops-N-Bobbers event.

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# YEAR IN REVIEW CONTINUED

## **2019 Grants Continued:**

- Dane County Environmental Council Grant - Awarded \$801 for an informational sign holder installed this past fall within the Token Creek Conservancy.
- Storm Drain Mural Grant - Awarded with mural painted by Windsor Post Office.

## **Additional grants applied for in 2019 with award notification in early 2020:**

- WisDOT Multimodal Local Supplement Grant, 2 applications for infrastructure improvements; one for Windsor Road from Pederson Crossing Boulevard to Portage Road and the other for Windsor Road from Kwik Trip to Charlie Grimm Road.
- WisDOT 2020-2025 Local Bridge Program joint application with the Village of DeForest for replacement of the 1964 bridge and approach, on Windsor Road, over the Yahara River. The current width is 28.1 feet and the new bridge would be 36 feet. The additional width will accommodate a pedestrian/bike path on the Windsor portion (Southern) of the bridge.

## **In 2020, the Village will be going to bid for the following potential projects:**

- Reconstruction of CTH DM, Clinton Road, and Willow Street (west of Clinton Road).
- Pulverize and overlay Leonard Road, Partridge Road, Heron Way and Egge Road (Portage Road to CTH C).
- Chip seal Glenview Road, Sunnywood Drive, Sun Lane, Millrace Trail (north of Egge Rd), Misty Lane, Millstone Lane, Millstone Circle, Combs Court and Gray Road (STH 51 to Portage Road).
- Conversion of portion of Depot Street Public Works Building into a Police Department.
- Construction of a Public Works Facility on CTH V, north of soccer field.

## **Revitalization**

The Board continues to work on the Revitalization and Redevelopment Plans (Plans) for Windsor Road / US Post Office project area. The Village has negotiated and purchased several properties and continues efforts to acquire properties of interest, with the goal to create an attractive, vibrant mixed-use downtown. To date, the purchase of properties has been through a voluntary process, initiated by the property owners, and without the use of eminent domain. Implementation of the Plans includes, but is not limited to, the enhancement of Windsor Road (multi-modal, streetscaping, branding, etc.) and Fireman's Park (shelter, restrooms, community space, additional parking, etc.), as well as, the potential development of a municipal building, police department, and infill residential and commercial uses. The Board continues to balance being fiscally responsible in its planning efforts while growing forward to meet the current and future needs of our community and staff.

Learn more by visiting our website, [www.windsorwi.gov/revitalization](http://www.windsorwi.gov/revitalization), or reaching out to myself, President Bob Wipperfurth, or Administrator Tina Butteris.

# 2020 ELECTIONS



Spring Primary - February 18, 2020  
Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary - April 7, 2020  
Partisan Primary - August 11, 2020  
General and Presidential Election - November 3, 2020

## Electronic Poll Books are here!



The Wisconsin Elections Commission has developed a safe and secure electronic poll book that will be implemented starting with the 2020 elections. On Election Day, voters will now sign an electronic touch screen versus a paper poll book. Paper ballots will still be issued and inserted into the tabulating machine.

Visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to view voter info, find your polling place, view what's on your ballot, register to vote and request absentee ballots.

Be an Election Worker. Find the application by visiting [www.windsorwi.gov/elections](http://www.windsorwi.gov/elections).

# 2020 CENSUS

## Overview

Once every decade, the federal government conducts the constitutionally mandated census to count everyone in the United States and record basic information. The census counts our population and households, providing the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting and distributing billions of dollars in federal funds. Federal, state, and local programs use census data for health care services, housing, education, transportation and other areas of public policy. Census data also contributes to economic development, employment opportunities, and private sector investment.

## 2020 Census

Starting in March, each residential address will receive an invitation to respond to a short census questionnaire online, by phone or by mail. By mid-April, paper questionnaires will be mailed to every household that has not responded. During June and July, census takers will go door to door to count people who have not responded. Strict federal law protects your census responses. The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party.

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# TOKEN CREEK CONSERVANCY Visit the Conservancy!



The Token Creek Conservancy is 190 acres of natural environment that we invite you to explore. In the winter months, you can cross-county ski and snowshoe. If no snow, it's great for hiking and walking. This is an environmentally sensitive area. Please no biking, horseback riding or motorized vehicles.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The first workday of 2020, hosted by the Token Creek Conservancy Committee, is Saturday, February 22 from 10 am to 1 pm at Old Mill Site, 6394 Portage Rd. The workday will involve clearing, hauling and burning brush from around the West Sedge Meadow. Please wear boots and bring water.

For map visit:

[www.windsorwi.gov/conservancy](http://www.windsorwi.gov/conservancy)

# 2020 CALENDAR

Please note that dates, times and locations of events are tentative and subject to change. Keep informed about these events, and more, by signing up for email notifications, like the Village of Windsor on Facebook and visit the Village's website.

## February

**3** - Cookies & Crafts 9 to 11 am at the DMB Neighborhood Center, 4438 Windsor Rd.

**18** - Spring Primary, Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm

**22** - Token Creek Conservancy Workday 10 am to 1 pm at Old Mill Site, 6394 Portage Rd.

## March

**31** - Last day to license your dog without a late fee

## April

**7** - Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary, Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm

**15** - End Alternate Side Parking

**20** - Brush Pick-Up Week

## May

**16** - Windsor Community Park Grand Opening 10 am to 1 pm, 6570 Pederson Crossing Blvd.

**23** - Cradle Hill & Windsor Community Park Splash Pad Open

**25** - Municipal Building Closed

## June

**6** - Cops-N-Bobbers 9 am at Token Creek Conservancy Ponds (DNR), 6356 Portage Rd.

**20** - Art Cart EXTRA! 2 to 4 pm Location TBD

## July

**3** - Municipal Building Closed

**10** - Henry Vilas Zoo to You 10 am at Windsor Municipal Building, 4084 Mueller Rd.

**31** - Movie in the Park 6 pm, Toy Story 4 begins when dark at Windsor Community Park, 6570 Pederson Crossing Blvd.

## August

**11** - Partisan Primary, Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm

## September

**7** - Municipal Building Closed

**8** - Cradle Hill & Windsor Community Park Splash Pad Close for Season

**26** - WindsorFest at Fireman's Park, 6711 Park St.

## October

**19** - Brush Pick-Up Week

**21** - Trunk or Treat 4 to 6 pm at Fireman's Park, 6711 Park St.

## November

**3** - General and Presidential Election, Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm

**15** - Alternate Side Parking in Effect

**26** - Municipal Building Closed

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## December

**5** - Winterfest 9 to 11 am at Municipal Building, 4084 Mueller Rd.

**24** - Municipal Building Closed

**25** - Municipal Building Closed

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## **Recycling Center Hours**

### October through November

Every Wednesday from 12:30 to 4:30 pm

### April through September

Every Wednesday from 2:30 to 6:30 pm

### April through November

Every Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm

### December through March

FIRST Saturday of month 8 am to 4 pm

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## **Electronic Waste Collection**

Saturday, May 2 from 8 am to 4 pm

Wednesday, May 6 from 2:30 to 6:30 pm

Saturday, May 9 from 8 am to 4 pm

Saturday, September 12 from 8 am to 4 pm

Wednesday, September 16 from 2:30 to 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 19 from 8 am to 4 pm



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## **2020 Holidays Impacting Refuse/Recycling**

The below Holidays will delay pick-up by one day.

January 20 - Martin Luther King Day

May 25 - Memorial Day

September 7 - Labor Day





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## Fast Facts

- On November 20, 2019, residents were mailed information and an application on the new Recycling Center Permit process. Visit [www.windsorwi.gov/recyclingcenter](http://www.windsorwi.gov/recyclingcenter) for more information on the Recycling Center and to view application.
- On November 20, 2019, residents were mailed information and a registration form on Recreational Vehicle Registration. If applicable, registrations are due January 31, 2020. Visit [www.windsorwi.gov/recreationalvehicle](http://www.windsorwi.gov/recreationalvehicle) for more information and registration form.
- Electronic Poll Books will now be used on Election Day. We are also recruiting Election Inspectors for the 2020 election cycle. Visit [www.windsorwi.gov/elections](http://www.windsorwi.gov/elections).
- Dog Licenses need to be renewed by March 31 to avoid a late penalty. We are required to see the Rabies Vaccination Certificate each year.
- Park Shelter Reservations are currently being accepted for the 2020 calendar year. An application can be found by visiting [www.windsorwi.gov/shelter](http://www.windsorwi.gov/shelter).
- Volunteers needed Saturday, February 22 from 10 am to 1 pm for a workday hosted by the Token Creek Conservancy Committee. Volunteers will clear, haul and burn brush at Old Mill Site, 6394 Portage Rd.