



Points of Light

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VILLAGE INFORMATION

215 E. Four Mile Rd.

Racine, WI 53402

www.windpointwi.us

Administration Office 639-3524

Open weekdays 8-12 noon; 1-5 pm

VWP Police Dept. non-emergency # 639-3022

Open ~ weekdays 8-12 911 in

Sheriff Dept. non-emergency # emergency
886-2300

Lighthouse Keeper's Office 639-3777

Public Works/Water Utility Office 639-3560

Public Works/Water Utility – 939-1378
After 5:00 pm emergency

Johns Disposal 888-473-4701

Lee Grievell, Building Inspector 262-424-6957

STAFF NAMES

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ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK/TREASURER

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BARBARA MICELI, COURT CLERK

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RANDY MILLER, MAINTENANCE MANAGER
(PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES)

MUNICIPAL JUDGE

John Knuteson

VILLAGE BOARD

PRESIDENT

Bill Bensman 681-7531

TRUSTEES

Ann Brodek 681-2176

Pete Christensen 672-5150

Jay Hammes 681-2073

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President's Remarks

Well, winter finally arrived and snow dumped down on Wind Point. Kids hit the slopes at Shoop Park that first Thursday evening, not even waiting for the flurries to subside. While snowfalls are fun for those with sleds and snowboards they often pose challenges to those of us who need to drive. From time to time issues arise regarding Village plowing and salting protocol. I thought it might be helpful to summarize our process.

The Village operates two snow plows. Generally one plow operates north of 4-Mile Road and other south of 4-Mile Road. When one plow's streets are cleared that plow will assist the other plow until all streets are cleared.

The first objective of snow plowing is to keep major roads of the Village (3-Mile Rd., 4-Mile Rd., Lighthouse Dr., Valley Trail, Hunt Club Rd., Wind Point Rd.), plus school access (Lake Meadow Dr., Campus Dr., Jonsue Ln.) safe and open to traffic. No other residential streets receive special preference.

Whenever possible, consistent with safety factors, plowing is conducted during regular work hours to minimize costs. In order to maintain a safe driving environment the plowing crew is available and does respond to law enforcement requests to plow 24/7.

Other residential streets are plowed after the major roads and allowing for time to keep the major roads open.

After our first snowfall we experienced some tests keeping a few side streets from icing. I personally witnessed this on my own street and on other streets I inspected. Administrator Grant and I met with the plowing team and determined the unusual icing was a function of rapidly changing temperatures getting ahead of our salting efforts. The plow crew suggested a plan to more aggressively salt, particularly at intersections. Our expectation is that these efforts will pay off. Please continue to drive carefully and let us know of any unsafe conditions you identify.

Bill Bensman

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Board Action Highlights

The Village Board passed the 2012 Village Utilities Budget. Highlights include:

- Higher water rates from Caledonia Utilities (expense)
- An expected purchased water rate increase (revenue)
- \$40,000 for replacement of portion of out-of-date meters; decrease in maintenance of meters
- \$10,000 for hydrant repair/replacement
- \$6,715 for a full water rate study
- \$5,000 for cross-connection inspection services
- Stormwater expenses increased to investigate sources of phosphorous and e-Coli in stormwater discharge to lake
- No stormwater capital improvement projects

Appointment of Rosa Flegl, 51 Parkwood Ct, as Election Official due to resignation of new appointee.

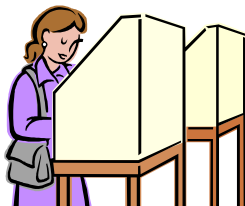
Brian Jongetjes of Johns Disposal spoke about service start up and answered questions. Both Johns and the Village fielded phone calls and handled misunderstandings. Grant offered to do a follow-up newsletter article. Drivers from Johns will move carts not placed correctly for a time; they will leave a note if the misunderstanding persists.

Joan Schulz, 4945 N. Main Street, and her son Nathan spoke to the Board about the declaration of public nuisance and the municipal ticket issued, explaining their intention to resolve all issues in the spring and explaining their present unwillingness/inability to comply. Attorney Bruner confirmed the public nuisance ruling, the need to address the items identified, and the Village's ability to enforce inhabitability regulations and force condemnation, if warranted. Grant was asked to coordinate communication and actions to comply; if there is no action, the Board asked that the matter be referred to the attorney for court action.

Pete Christensen reported the December 2011 financial reports and moved to approve the 2011 Budget Amendment Resolution which passed unanimously.

Jay Hammes reported nothing out of the ordinary in the November & December police reports. He referred to a newspaper article about coyotes and a resident letter opposing trapping; Grant was asked to do a newsletter article educating residents about coyote behavior.

By Barbara Grant



Election Dates

February 21 - School Board Primary

April 3 – Presidential Primary, Village Trustees, School Board, Judges for District II Court of Appeals & Racine County

Voter Registration

Wind Point residents may register to vote:

1. At the Clerk's Office, 215 E. Four Mile Rd., until the Friday before an election
2. By mail < 3rd Wednesday before an election.
3. On Election Day at the polling place (lobby of Prairie School's Fieldhouse).

If you are a first-time registrant, you must bring your WI driver's license. If your current address is different from that shown on the ID, new registrants must also bring proof of residency to register to vote.

Voting & Voter ID's

Wisconsin has a great website with information for voters. <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/voters>

Voter ID's must be shown on Election Day, so bring one of the eight acceptable ID's:

- WI driver's license
- US military ID
- Unexpired certificate of nationalization
- Qualified university or college ID w/ proof of enrollment
- WI DMV-issued ID
- US passport
- Unexpired driver license or state ID card receipt from DOT
- Qualified WI Indian tribe ID

Absentee Ballots...if you must...

When you are registered to vote, you may apply to receive an absentee ballot by mail, e-mail, fax, or in-person at the Clerk's office.

When we receive the ballots from the printers, we will send them to you as requested on your application. You must return the ballot in a sealed envelope that meets election requirements. Ballots in sealed envelopes must arrive in the Clerk's office on the Thursday before the election.

You may vote an absentee ballot in person at the Clerk's office until we close on the Friday before the Election.

It is expensive and time-consuming to issue and

track absentee ballots, so if you are able, vote on Election Day and you will receive fast and efficient service with no additional cost to the Village!

We love to see you on Election Day!!!!

Automated Collection Update

Here is more information to help you understand the new solid waste and recycling program and the differences between manual and automated collection.

Automated: Our new carts are designed to be larger and heavier than is safe for workers to lift and empty. The carts are picked up by an automated truck, a more efficient method of collection that also reduces injuries to sanitation workers.

- **Automated trash trucks** will come by on every Monday to pick up most homes in Wind Point; workers with an old style truck (non-automated) will do manual trash collection in sections of Wind Meadows due to space constraints.
- **Automated recycling trucks** will come every other week as shown on the calendar delivered to your home with your carts.

Manual Monthly Collection: Johns will manually collect large items and overflow trash or recyclables on the first Monday of each month. Overflow means "extra trash and recyclables not collected by automatic trucks."

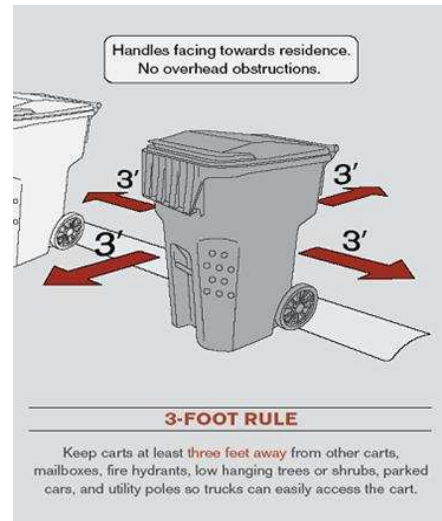
The once-a-month collection service allows you to dispose of not only large items, but also oversized cardboard or recyclables that don't fit in your new cart. Older style (non-automated) trucks will be sent with sanitation workers to do manual collection of large items, extra trash, and recycling that does not fit into the carts.

Here are the rules for manual overflow collection:

- You can put your overflow trash into an old-style can if it weighs less than 60 pounds or you can use a plastic bag.
- You can put loose overflow recycling into your old recycling bin or a clear plastic bag. Oversized cardboard can be set out; flattened is better.

A friendly reminder to everyone regarding all garbage and recycling collections:

- Please keep carts clear of all other objects including mailboxes, trees, etc. Remember to look overhead too, as the carts are lifted during collection;
- Only materials inside the container will be taken. Please do NOT set material on top or around the container;
- Remember to face the open side of the container towards the road to ensure all materials are emptied when collected.



Johns Disposal encourages you to call with questions or concerns at 888-473-4701 or e-mail them at office@johnsdisposal.com. They're open Monday through Friday (8:00am - 4:30pm) and Saturday (8:00am-12:00pm).

Driveway Snow Removal – Your Responsibility

Whether you shovel, blow, or plow snow from your driveway, those piles of snow created by the snow plow at the end of your driveway are annoying (and they do always seem larger than your neighbor's ☺). Please, please, please do NOT put the snow back in the street! This creates a hazard for everyone.

Coyotes in Wind Point

Coyotes are generally very wary of humans and avoid people whenever possible. Aggressive behavior towards humans should be reported to the police department immediately. This type of behavior is many times associated with people trying to feed coyotes in an effort to help them or "tame" them. Coyotes are wild animals and should be treated with respect.

Children should be taught to treat the presence of a coyote as an unfamiliar and potentially threatening dog. If approached or followed by a coyote, make loud noises, yell and make yourself look big. Do not turn your back or run from the animal. If the coyote would happen to approach at an uncomfortably close distance, throw stones or other objects at it while walking calmly to safety.

People with pets need to keep them on a leash when walking them. While at home, pets should not be allowed to roam freely. Even pets in enclosed yards run the risk of predation, especially at night. Feed your pets indoors to keep pet food from attracting coyotes as well as other wildlife.

Other food attractants such as table scraps on compost piles, fallen fruit, and spilled bird seed are other considerations for removal. Yard lights with motion detectors can be used if the coyotes appear too close to a residence; the sudden appearance of light may frighten the animals away.

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Racine, WI 53402



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			1	2	3	4
5	6 Plan Commission 6:00 pm	7 Architectural Review Bd.	8	9 Village Board 5:30 pm	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Spring Primary Election	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	Recycling on February 6 & 20 and March 5 [shaded week on Johns' calendar] Bulky collection Feb 6 and March 5		