

# THE WIRE

*What's going on in the Village of Weston*



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## VILLAGE UPDATING ITS GROWTH PLANS

The Village of Weston is updating our 2016 Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan serves as a long-term guide for the Village's growth, development, and preservation. A Plan update will provide a fresh vision and actionable initiatives to help Weston seize future opportunities and build on strengths—like our excellent schools, strong neighborhoods, thriving business community, natural resources, and Highway 29 access—to enhance our community over the next 10+ years. Updating the Plan also helps the Village qualify for grants to support local projects.

The update is happening in two phases corresponding to the two Plan volumes. Phase One, completed in winter 2026, produced a draft Conditions and Issues volume to chart recent trends and current conditions. Phase Two, just beginning, will result in the Vision & Directions volume, including new goals, maps, and initiatives to guide Village decisions over the next 10 years. Completion is expected in spring 2027.

Public input is vital for a community-responsive Plan update! The Village has launched a community survey (see information below). There will be other opportunities later this year and into 2027 to share your thoughts before the Plan is finalized and adopted. Collaboration with neighboring communities, Marathon County, and other stakeholders is also part of the process.

A steering committee of the Village Board and Plan Commission is guiding the Plan update, with support from the Village's Planning and Development Department and MDRoffers Consulting—a community planning firm that the Village has successfully worked with for many years.

To learn more, review draft documents, or track our progress, visit the Village's Comprehensive Plan Update page at [www.westonwi.gov/compplanupdate](http://www.westonwi.gov/compplanupdate).



## HAVE YOUR SAY: COMMUNITY SURVEY NOW OPEN!

The Village of Weston is updating its Comprehensive Plan—and we want to hear from you. Your input will help shape the Plan update and the future of growth, development, and quality of life in our community.

Survey Deadline: **May 15, 2026**

How to Participate: Scan the QR code or contact us

Time Commitment: Just a few minutes



*Thank you!*

Find us on



# REFERENDUM

## VILLAGE OF WESTON TO HOST COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS IN ADVANCE OF APRIL 7, 2026, REFERENDUM



The Village of Weston Board of Trustees approved placing a referendum question on the April 7, 2026, spring election ballot regarding staffing needs for the South Area Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) District.

The SAFER District was created in 2014, as a partnership between the Village of Weston and Village of Rib Mountain. Since creation, the department's staffing numbers have remained consistent, while the call volume has significantly increased.

Under current state law, the Village's levy increase for the 2027 fiscal year is limited to 0% or net new construction, which for 2025 was 2.293%, resulting in a maximum allowable levy of \$8,670,828. The referendum will ask voters whether the Village should be permitted to exceed this limit and increase the levy by a total of 6.92% for fiscal year 2027, resulting in a levy of \$9,270,282.

The proposed increase would be used to fund the Village of Weston's share of SAFER costs to hire and retain six additional full-time firefighter/paramedics. If approved, the levy would include an ongoing increase of \$600,000 annually in each future fiscal year.

### Referendum Question as It Will Appear on the Ballot:

*Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Weston for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2027, is limited to 2.293%, which results in a levy of \$8,670,828. Shall the Village of Weston be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2027, for the purpose of paying the Village of Weston's share of the cost for SAFER to hire and retain six additional full-time firefighters/paramedics, by a total of 6.92%, which results in a levy of \$9,270,828 and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$600,000 for each fiscal year going forward?*

#### If a Majority Vote "Yes"

If approved, a \$600,000 increase to the property tax levy would allow the Village to pay its share of the cost for SAFER to hire and retain six additional full-time firefighters/paramedics.

For a home assessed at \$250,000, this amounts to \$85.00 per year, based on 2025 assessed values.

#### If a Majority Vote "No"

If the referendum is rejected, the Village would not be able to increase the property tax levy and the Board of Trustees may alter current fire protection staffing/services or other municipal services, as necessary, to balance the budget.

### Community Information Sessions:

In advance of the spring election, the Village will host a series of educational opportunities for residents to learn more about the referendum and ask questions.

#### Informational Sessions (with presentation):

The Informational Presentations portion of the sessions will have a virtual option for participation and will be recorded and made available following the event.

- **Wednesday, March 4, 2026** | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
*Informational Presentation at 12:00 p.m.*
- **Thursday, March 19, 2026** | 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
*Informational Presentation at 6:00 p.m.*

### Facilitated Question & Answer Sessions:

These sessions will be open, moderated discussions where Village of Weston and SAFER officials will be available to answer questions regarding the referendum.

- **Tuesday, March 31, 2026** | 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 2, 2026** | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**MORE  
INFO**



Additional information regarding the referendum, including frequently asked questions, is available on the Village website at: <https://www.westonwi.gov/969/Village-of-Weston-April-2026-Referendum>

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Looking for a summer job in 2026?*

The Village of Weston is now accepting applications for **SEASONAL PARK POSITIONS**

Applicants can apply through the Village website at: [www.westonwi.gov](http://www.westonwi.gov).



# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

## THINKING ABOUT BACKYARD CHICKENS? DON'T FORGET YOUR LICENSE!



Jennifer Higgins  
Planning and  
Development  
Director



If you're planning to keep backyard chickens in the Village of Weston, make sure you have your license in order! Residents must meet several key requirements to obtain a Backyard Chicken Permit:

- Zoning compliance
- Minimum lot size
- A maximum of five hens (no roosters allowed)
- Proper distance from property lines
- A secure, enclosed coop and chicken run
- Have a valid WI DATCP Livestock Premises Registration Number



Most importantly, you must **apply for and receive a license**, which is valid annually from **April 1 through March 31**. The license must be **renewed each year**.

To apply, submit a **completed application**, **site plan**, and **\$35 application fee**, and schedule a **site inspection**.

**Apply anytime online** at [www.westonwi.gov/epermits](http://www.westonwi.gov/epermits). Just create an account and follow the prompts under "License Application."

*Enjoy fresh eggs and a fun backyard hobby—just be sure to stay in compliance!*

## GET READY FOR SPRING PROJECTS: SUBMIT YOUR BUILDING PERMIT EARLY

Spring is in the air, and it's the perfect time to start planning those home improvement and yard projects you've been dreaming about all winter. The Village Building Inspectors want to remind residents to check whether your project requires a permit before you get started.

Spring and summer are very busy for our inspectors, who spend much of their time out in the field conducting inspections. To avoid delays, we encourage residents to submit building permit applications early. Applications are reviewed in the order they are received, so getting your permit submitted early helps keep your project on schedule.

When submitting your application, please include all relevant details such as site plans, floor plans, and construction specifications. Missing information can slow down the approval process. Most building permits are valid for one to two years, depending on the project.

All permits in the Village are submitted online through the Evolve permitting portal at [www.westonwi.gov/epermits](http://www.westonwi.gov/epermits). You can apply 24/7 from home or with assistance from staff at the Municipal Center. The Village also offers online payment options via Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) or credit/debit card. Please note a small convenience fee applies:

- \$0.64 for ETF/E-Check
- 3.25% + \$1.00 for credit or debit cards

Important: the invoice you receive by email is not your permit. Permits are only issued once payment is received. If paying by check, be sure to include the invoice number from the email.

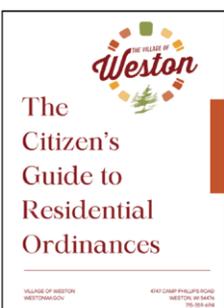
For questions, help completing your application, or to meet with an inspector, call **715-241-2613** or email [plandev@westonwi.gov](mailto:plandev@westonwi.gov) to schedule an appointment. Bringing a project summary or preliminary sketch is very helpful, and emailing it ahead of your appointment allows staff to assist you more efficiently.

If you are building a new home, a scheduled appointment is required to submit payment and receive a State Seal number from the Building Inspector, as required by the State of Wisconsin.

The Planning & Development Department Team thanks you for your cooperation and looks forward to helping you make your spring and summer projects a success.



## KNOW THE RULES THAT KEEP WESTON NEIGHBORHOODS GREAT!



As we head into the spring and summer months, the Village of Weston would like to remind residents about an existing resource available on our website — the **Citizen's Guide to Residential Ordinances**.

This easy-to-read guide highlights common residential regulations that often come up during the warmer months, including **yard maintenance, weeds and tall grass, snow and yard waste removal, vehicle parking, animal regulations, fences, sheds, and permits**. It's designed to help residents understand local standards that support safe, attractive, and well-maintained neighborhoods.



The guide is intended as a quick reference and does not replace the full Municipal Code, but it can be a useful tool for homeowners and residents with everyday questions. The **Citizen's Guide to Residential Ordinances** is available anytime on the Village of Weston website at <https://www.westonwi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1183/Citizens-Guide-to-Residential-Ordinances>.

# PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

## 2026 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS STREET AND UTILITY PROJECTS FOR 2026:



Micheal Wodalski  
Public Works Director

The Village of Weston has a Capital Improvement Plan which includes facilities, streets and utility projects as well as major equipment purchases. The 2026 projects include the following:

### Street Projects:

- **Bloedel Ave:** will be reconstructed with new water main and sanitary sewer along with storm water improvements and street reconstruction.
- **Concord Ave and Bayberry St:** will be reconstructed with storm water improvements some minor sanitary sewer and water main repairs and complete street reconstruction to better serve the heavy truck traffic in the area.
- **Jelinek Ave and Alderson St Intersection** is planned to be reconstructed as a mini roundabout similar to what now exists at the Weston Ave and Alderson St intersection.
- **Major Maintenance Projects** will include concrete pavement repairs on Schofield Ave east of Mesker St as well as about three (3) miles of asphalt overlay's on streets.

### Utility Projects:

#### Iron, Manganese and PFAS Treatment:

- The Village has put Well 4 back online and is pumping PFAS free water as of fall of 2025.
- In 2026, iron and manganese removal for Well 3 prior to PFAS treatment will be constructed at the Water Treatment Plant. The Village is working through a Safe Drinking Water Loan from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for this project in which 50% of the costs are expected to receive principal forgiveness.



## FLUSHABLE WIPES - NOT SO FLUSHABLE



**DO NOT  
FLUSH**

The Village has 13 sanitary sewer pump stations and wipes that are flushed into the sanitary system cause the pumps to clog and eventually fail. These turn into costly repairs and increase the risk of sewer backups. Help keep our sewer system up and running by disposing of wipes in the garbage.

## METER TRANSCIEVER UNIT (MXU)



### What is a Meter Transceiver Unit (MXU)

A MXU is a device attached to a utility (water) meter, that allows for remote reading of the meter usage by transmitting the data wirelessly via radio signals to a reader unit, enabling automated meter reading (AMR) without the need for manual on-site access, it acts as both a transmitter and receiver for meter readings. They typically have a 20-year battery life, and the batteries are field replaceable. MXU's are completely encased in a High Density Polythylene making them waterproof. You may paint the case to match the siding of your home.

### ARE YOU CHANGING YOUR SIDING OR DOING AN ADDITION ONTO YOUR HOME?

Knowing where your Meter Transceiver Unit (MXU) is located on your home should be a priority for all property owners and tenants when doing construction projects on your home.

Before starting the construction project, please contact the Utility Department at 715-359-2876 to remove your MXU free of charge and we will reinstall your MXU after the completion of your project. Should you or your contractor remove and damage or dispose of your MXU; the property owner will be subject to the replacement and labor costs for the installation of a new MXU.

## HELP PREVENT SNOW MELT FLOODING

As spring and warmer weather approaches please help the Village reduce street flooding. If you have a storm sewer inlet near your home, and you're able to, please help clear the snow away from the inlet to allow melting snow to easily drain away. To help identify where the inlets are located, there is usually a white mark in the middle of the road.

Any and all help is appreciated as there are a lot more inlets than staff to open them and once the snow starts melting it doesn't take long for large puddles to form. In addition to inlets, if you have curb and gutter, you may want to clear snow away from the curb, down stream of your driveway, to help prevent ice from forming at the end of your driveway when the melting snow freezes at night.

Inlets and drains are easy to find in summer months, but in the winter they can get buried in the snowbanks. More than likely we will be receiving more snow yet this spring and keeping the inlets cleared will allow for proper snow melt drainage.



*Curb inlet in snow*



*Curb inlet in summer months*



## STAFF/COMMITTEE/TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT



### **Valerie Parker, Planning Technician**

Valerie has been with the Village since March 13, 2000, starting as receptionist, and then over the years transitioned to Water/Sewer Utility, Public Works, and now Planning & Zoning (since 2012).

As the first point of contact for the Planning & Development Department, Valerie assists residents and businesses with various permits and questions and played a key role in Weston's recent garbage and recycling hauler transition – a large project she welcomed as a positive challenge.

Outside of her Village role, Valerie also works part-time as the Town Clerk for the Town of Plover (Marathon County), helps with her husband's lawn care business, and volunteers for several non-profits.

When she's not working, Valerie enjoys spending time on the small hobby farm she shares with her husband, along with their animals: cat Hella Kitty, dog Oliver, and five alpacas—Chloe, Lucy, Emma, Amelie, and Maggie (as well as all the birds, squirrels, bunnies, deer, etc.). She also loves singing and dancing, walking, light jogging, camping, hiking, kayaking – essentially, anything outdoors!



### **Anthony Steines, Utility Maintainer**

Anthony has been with the Village for two years. Anthony started his career with the Village as a Parks Operator before joining the utility crew in the fall of 2025.

Anthony enjoys working for the Village where his responsibilities include sewer jetting, watermain break repairs, Diggers Hotline locates, sewer viewing, and hydrant repairs, and other utility department tasks.

When Anthony is not at work, he enjoys taking walks with his dog Millie at Rib Mountain State Park.



### **Barbara Ermeling, Village Trustee**

*What do you enjoy most about the Village?*

I enjoy the residents of Weston. I find the people are friendly and are willing to help their neighbors. I also enjoy the diversity as the Village went from a mostly rural community to having industry, commercial, residential, recreational trails for biking or walking, parks for families to enjoy and still have some agricultural land.

# CLERKS



## FREE RABIES VACCINE CLINIC!

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**  
**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
 Located at 4747 Camp Phillips Road,  
 Weston WI 54476

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO HELP COVER CLINIC COSTS**

- FREE Rabies Vaccine
- FREE Microchipping
- Open to Village of Weston, Village of Rothschild, City of Schofield, and Town of Weston Residents
- Must have 2026 Pet License

Limited number of vaccines available - first come first serve basis









## Living Together?

MAKE IT LEGAL AND LICENSE YOUR PET!



All dogs and cats must be licensed by Village Ordinance Sec. 10.121.

Licensing your pets helps to:

- Support the Humane Society of Marathon County.
- Improves your chance of getting your pet back if it goes missing.
- Ensure your pet is up to date on its rabies vaccine.

**We now have licensing available online at [www.westonwi.gov/petlicense](http://www.westonwi.gov/petlicense).**

Pets must be licensed by March 31 to avoid a late fee. Applications for a license may be obtained at the Weston Municipal Center or on our website at [www.westonwi.gov](http://www.westonwi.gov).

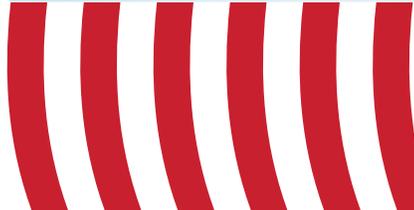



## Spring Election

### April 7, 2026

**7:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

Village of Weston Polling Location:  
4747 Camp Phillips Rd.





## VILLAGE CROSSWORD

Cut this portion out and complete your crossword to the Village of Weston. Drop it off in person, drop-box, or by mail no later than **May 8, 2026**, to be entered into a drawing for a Village of Weston apparel item.

### ACROSS

3. Reservable summer party spot
5. Wears stripes but isn't a referee
6. Chicken license requirement
7. Citizens \_\_\_\_\_ to Residential Ordinances
9. Building permit application site
10. New location - Farmers Market

### DOWN

1. Water quality report, \_\_\_\_\_ Confidence
2. New garbage service
3. Due by March 31
4. Orange box on south side of Municipal Center to prevent slips
5. Body that hears requests for variances
6. Spring Election - April
8. Industrial park road

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Are you a business that wants to be in our spotlight or a new business that came to the area? Visit... [westonwi.gov/BusinessDirectoryii.aspx](http://westonwi.gov/BusinessDirectoryii.aspx) or scan

New Weston Businesses



Getting to Know Your Weston Businesses



**Locally Owned. Employer Focused. Community Driven.**

LINK Healthcare is proud to be locally owned and operated, serving Central Wisconsin with a smarter approach to healthcare. We partner with employers to provide customized plans that include preventive and urgent care, occupational health, workers' compensation, wellness programs, and more—all designed to keep your team healthy and productive.

Our occupational health experts simplify pre-employment exams, drug testing, and work comp evaluations, helping employers save time and money. Plus, with our new low-cost imaging services—like x-ray, mammograms, CT's and ultrasounds—high-quality care is now more affordable than ever.

At LINK Healthcare, we're not just your clinic—we're your healthcare partner, invested in the health of your people and our community.

Please contact Katie Dray, COO at 715.298.2258 or [katie@linkhealth.care](mailto:katie@linkhealth.care), for more information.



**Located:**

**4704 Bayberry Street  
Weston, WI, 54476**



**WESTON FARMERS MARKET**

**TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS**

**May 2 - October 31**  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
(or until sold out)

**NEW LOCATION**

Kennedy Park  
6002 Alderson Street  
Weston, WI 54476

**WESTON AQUATIC CENTER TO OPEN SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026**

2026 Aquatic Center family season passes are now on sale at a reduced price through **Friday, May 22, 2026**. Season passes can be purchased online at [www.westonwi.gov/poolpass](http://www.westonwi.gov/poolpass).

**SWIM LESSONS**

The Weston Aquatic Center will again be offering swimming lessons in 2026. Registration for Village of Weston residents begins **April 20, 2026**, and non-resident registration begins **May 4, 2026**. Fees are \$35 for residents and \$40 for non-residents.

**PARK RESERVATIONS**

The Village of Weston is currently accepting park reservations for 2026. There are seven (7) outdoor park shelters available. Information regarding all Village parks and reservations can be made online on our website [www.westonwi.gov](http://www.westonwi.gov).



**REFUSE & RECYCLING HOME COMPOST BIN & KITCHEN PAIL SALES & PICK UP**



The Village is working with Marathon County and Recycling Connections on their spring home compost bin and kitchen pail online sales, by being a host site for buyers to pick up their purchased items.

Check out the Village's website: <https://westonwi.gov/151/Refuse-Recycling> for information on how to place an online order and/or to learn more about the home compost bin and kitchen pail they have to offer.

Online sales will run February through early May. The pick-up date will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, at the Village of Weston Municipal Center.



**2026 SPRING CLEAN-UP & RECYCLING EVENTS**  
SAVE THE DATES - MAY/JUNE 2026

**Bulk-Item Drop-Off Event**

**NEW LOCATION: Harter's Fox Valley Disposal**

169901 Ringle Avenue, Ringle

**May 14-15** | 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**May 16** | 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*This event is no longer held at the Waste Management site.*

**Community Paper Shredding Event**

*Brought to you by IROW Shredding Services*

**Behind the Weston Municipal Center**

**Wednesday, May 20** | 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Community Electronics Recycling Event**

*Brought to you by Dynamics Lifecycle Innovations*

**Behind the Weston Municipal Center**

**Saturday, June 6** | Noon - 5:00 p.m.



VILLAGE OF WESTON  
 4747 CAMP PHILLIPS ROAD  
 WESTON, WI 54476



## Notable Dates

- March 21** . . . . Rabies Clinic
- April 2** . . . . . Weston Community Blood Drive
- April 3** . . . . . Village Offices Closed
- April 7** . . . . . Spring Election
- May 1-3** . . . . . Village Wide Rummage Sale
- May 2** . . . . . Weston Farmers Market Opening Day
- May 14 to 16** . Bulk-Item Drop-Off
- May 16** . . . . . Pre-Ordered Home Compost Bin Pick-Up
- May 20** . . . . . Community Paper Shredding Event
- May 25** . . . . . Village Offices Closed
- June 6** . . . . . Electronics Recycling Event

The **Where's the Everest Tree Search** is on! Spot five hidden trees, note the pages, and visit [westonwi.gov/EverestTreeSearch](http://westonwi.gov/EverestTreeSearch)  
 \*Submission deadline is **MAY 8, 2026**

One entry per household for Village residents, the image here ~~tree~~ does not count along with the tree in our logos. **Good luck!**



## VILLAGE OF WESTON MUNICIPAL CENTER

**Address:** 4747 Camp Phillips Road, Weston, WI 54476  
**Office Hours:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday – Friday)  
**General Information:** 715-359-6114  
**Website:** [www.westonwi.gov](http://www.westonwi.gov)

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Aquatic Center (Seasonal) . . . . .	715-241-7946
Assessor . . . . .	715-241-2615
Building Inspections. . . . .	715-241-2613
Fire EMS (Non-emergency). . . . .	715-355-6763
Municipal Court Clerk (211 Grand Avenue, Rothschild) . . . . .	715-298-3215
Parks, Forestry, Grounds. . . . .	715-359-6114
Planning & Development . . . . .	715-241-2613
Police (Non-emergency at 211 Grand Avenue, Rothschild) . . . . .	715-359-3333
PSN (Utility payments over the phone or online account questions) . . . . .	866-917-7368
Public Works (Streets) . . . . .	715-359-6114
Refuse and Recycling . . . . .	715-241-2625
Water & Sewer. . . . .	715-359-2876

## VILLAGE OF WESTON MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Trustees . . . . .	6:00 p.m. . . . .	3rd Monday of the month
Community Development Authority . . . . .	Meet as needed	
CLPS "Community, Life and Public Safety" . . . . .	5:00 p.m. . . . .	1st Monday of the month
Finance and Human Resources Committee . . . . .	4:30 p.m. . . . .	3rd Monday of the month
Parks and Recreation Committee . . . . .	4:00 p.m. . . . .	4th Monday of the month
Plan Commission . . . . .	6:00 p.m. . . . .	2nd Monday of the month
Public Works and Utility Committee. . . . .	4:30 p.m. . . . .	2nd Monday of the month

Meeting dates are subject to change. Visit our website for the most current meeting dates and times. Committees and Commissions associated with police and fire meet on an as-needed basis.