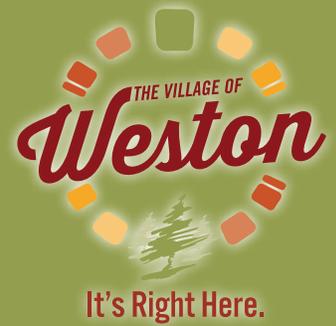


THE WIRE



What's going on in the Village of Weston

FALL 2024

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WHAT IS A REVALUATION AND HOW WILL IT AFFECT ME?

Weston is undergoing a Village wide reassessment in 2024. Open Book will be during the month of September and first two weeks of October. Appointments can be made at westonwi.gov/assessormeeting.



See page 3 for more

Board of Review will be held on October 15, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

CHECK OUT THE NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AT SIX VILLAGE PARKS

WILLIAMS



The Village auctioned off four of the old playgrounds and their removal was completed by the winning bidders, saving staff time and money.

YELLOWBANKS #1



Project was funded utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds

Installation on the equipment began in April and was completed in August.

ROBINWOOD



No Village of Weston tax levy was spent on the new equipment.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

FALL CURBSIDE YARD MATERIAL AND BRUSH PICKUP SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14TH



Micheal Wodalski
Public Works
Director

Area	Boundaries	Pickup Dates
A	Between Schofield Ave and Jelinek Ave from Volkman St to Alderson St, and Between Jelinek Ave and STH 29 from Volkman St to Normandy St	10/14, 10/30
B	Between Normandy St, Jelinek Ave, Alderson St. and STH 29	10/15, 10/31
C	Between Schofield Ave, Alderson St. CTH X and STH 29	10/16, 11/1
D	Area South of STH 29	10/17, 11/4
E	Between Ross Ave, Schofield Ave, Birch St. and City of Schofield Boundary	10/18, 11/5
F	Between Ross Ave, Schofield Ave, Birch St. and Von Kanel St	10/21, 11/6
G	Between Alderson St, Ross Ave, CTH X and North Village Boundary	10/22, 11/7
H	Between Von Kanel St, Eau Claire River, Fuller St and Schofield Ave	10/23, 11/8
I	Between Ross Ave, Fuller St, Eau Claire River, and Schofield Ave	10/24, 11/11
J	Between CTH X, STH 29, Schofield Ave and East Village Boundary	10/25, 11/12
K	Between Ross Ave, Eau Claire River and Town of Weston Boundary Between Schofield Ave, Eau Claire River and Town of Weston Boundary	10/28, 11/13
L	Between Eau Claire River, Ross Ave and Town of Weston Boundary	10/29, 11/14

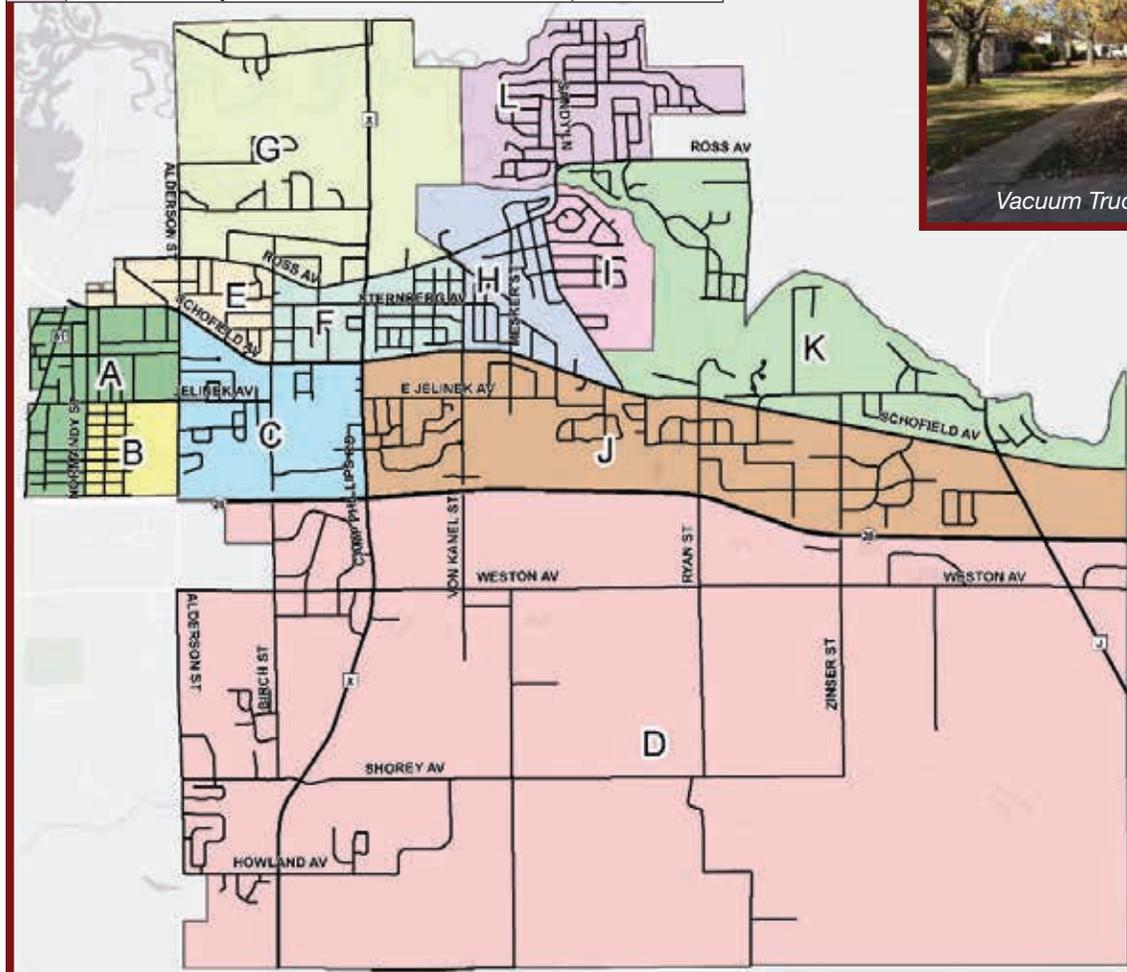
A few reminders regarding the pickup process are:

- Yard Materials (grass, leaves, pine needles, etc.) shall be kept separate from brush as two different pieces of equipment are used for these processes.
- Yard material shall be kept at least five feet away from power poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, etc. in order for staff to be able to reach it.
- There will be two trips through the Village (**see left & below**).
- Yard materials must be out to the roadside by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of pickup.
- Any material that is placed out after the scheduled pickup day will not be picked up.
- Residents can always take material to the Village's recycling site located at 8200 Ryan Street.

For more information on the yard material and brush pickup process, please visit the website at: westonwi.gov/yardwaste



Vacuum Truck used for Yard Materials



Weston Yard Pick Up 2024

Map Date: July 31, 2024
Map created by Technology Services Department

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

Legend

Pickup Zone	Pickup Day
A	10/14, 10/30
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J	10/25, 11/12
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L	10/29, 11/14

WHAT IS REVALUATION & HOW WILL IT AFFECT ME?

What's it all about

As you may know, the Village of Weston is undergoing a complete revaluation of all property, to be completed for 2024. Due to changing real estate values coupled with the fact that it has been 17 years since the Village has had any updating done to its assessment records, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue has mandated that the Village revalue all properties for assessment year 2024.

The Village-wide revaluation process is about to begin and by fall of 2024, every property in the Village will have its value updated. The result will be fairer and more uniform assessments. Some values will increase, others may decrease, and others may stay the same. This process will change assessments to the fair market value of your property.

Most of the money that pays for the police officer and fireman, operates the school system, and repairs your roads, comes to your local government in the form of local property taxes. Every year when the State, County Board, Village Board, NCTC, and School Board determine their respective budgets, they are deciding which services you will receive and how much you will pay. Each taxing district apportions the burden by attaching a dollar value to each piece of taxable property located in the Village, then levying a tax of so many dollars per \$1000 in value on these properties. This ensures that every property owner pays a fair share of the cost of local government. However, as neighborhoods improve or decline and home and business owners improve their property or let it fall into disrepair, market values change. Unless those values are updated, property taxes will not reflect the worth of the property and will be unfair.

Here are some questions and answers about the revaluation that have been put together by the Assessor for your information.



It can safely be predicted that no one will ever succeed in making the payments of taxes popular. The best that can be hoped for is that the distribution of tax can be made fair. It is the job of the Village Assessor to ensure that assessments are fair and equitable. Please feel free to contact the assessor at (715) 241-2615 with questions.

- Q Just what is fair market value?**
It's the probable price that a willing, but not obligated, buyer would pay a willing, but not obligated seller of property on the open market.
- Q How will my taxes change as a result of the new assessment?**
Though the value of your property affects your share of taxes, the actual amount you pay is determined by the budget needs of the schools, municipality, county, village, technical college and state.
All of these taxing units decide what services they will provide in the coming year and how much money they will need to provide those services. Once this decision is made, a tax rate is adopted that will generate the needed dollars.
Your property taxes are then determined by multiplying the tax rate by your assessment.
 $\text{Tax Rate} \times \text{Assessed Value} = \text{Taxes}$
- Q Why is this being done?**
In 1986 the Wisconsin legislature passed a law requiring all assessment jurisdictions to assess property within 10% of market value. As of 1/1/2024 the Village's assessment level was about 71.63%. With a revaluation the Assessor will bring the assessment level back up to 100% of market value.
- Q Will my home be inspected as part of this revaluation?**
No, interior inspections of homes will NOT be done as part of this revaluation. The existing property record information will be utilized to arrive at the new assessed values.
- Q How will the Assessor go about placing a "fair market value" on my property?**
Finding the market value of a property involves discovering what similar properties are selling for, what the property would cost today to replace and what financial factors, such as interest rates, may be affecting and real estate market. We do not create value. We analyze what has recently happened in your community market and apply it to the present.

- Q How can my assessment go up or down when my property hasn't changed?**
Since the new assessments will be set at market value, assessed values in the Village of Weston will be reflected in generally higher assessments. All properties, however, do not change in value to exactly the same degree. Many factors influence the value of a property, including location, age, size, style, and market conditions. Therefore the percent increase of individual assessments may vary from neighborhood to neighborhood.
- Q When will I be notified of my new assessment?**
All property owners will receive a change in assessment by mail during Fall of 2024.
- Q How will this revaluation affect my 2024 property tax bill paid in 2025?**
With all of the Village's assessed values moving closer to actual market value, the net tax rate (or mill rate) will drop for 2024. ON THE AVERAGE, a property that experiences a 54% increase to its assessed value will pay approximately the same amount of property taxes as in 2023.
- Q How will I know if my new assessment is fair and equitable?**
After the assessment notices are mailed you may compare your new assessed value to the assessments of other homes you feel are comparable to yours. Sales of homes in your neighborhood will be identified, and Open Book Sessions will be scheduled for taxpayers to talk to the assessor on an informal basis prior to the official Board of Review.
- Q Will I have a right to contest the new value placed on my property?**
Yes. You first should speak to the Assessor during Open Book Sessions. If you are still dissatisfied with your value, you have the right to further appeal to the Board of Review. Dates and times will be included with your new assessment notice.
- Q If I have questions, who do I contact?**
Please call Greg Schmidt at (715) 241-2615 or email assessor@westonwi.gov, and I will be happy to help you with any questions that you may have.
As the Village Assessor, I take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation. I hope this information gives you a better understanding of what a revaluation is and why one is necessary at this time.

Gregory D. Schmidt
Village of Weston Assessor

CLERK

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION



Pamela Brehm
Village Clerk



It takes 28 days to establish residency at a new address. When you register to vote, you must prove your current name at your current address. You may register to vote by doing the following:

- **Online.** You may register to vote at the My Vote Wisconsin website. You must have a valid, unexpired Wisconsin driver's license or Wisconsin ID to use this option. If the DMV does not have your current address on file, update your address on the DMV website first and then update your voter registration.
- **At the Clerk's Office.** Village of Weston residents may register at the Village Clerk's office.
- **By Mail.** Register to vote by mail by completing a Registration Application which is available on our website. The form must be completed and postmarked by October 16, 2024, and mailed to the Village Clerk's Office, Weston Municipal Center, 4747 Camp Phillips Road, Weston, WI 54476 for the General Election and must be accompanied by your proof of address.
- **At the Polls on Election Day.** Registering early will save you time on Election Day, however, you can register at the polls on Election Day. Remember to bring your proof of address.



ABSENTEE VOTING:

The Clerk's office mails out absentee ballots 47 days before each federal election. The Village of Weston counts absentee ballots at Central Count on Election Day. Visit the My Vote Wisconsin website to:

- Check your registration
- Locate your polling place
- See your sample ballot
- Track your absentee ballot

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before an election.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR LOCAL OFFICE?

An election will be held in the Village of Weston, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following seats will be up for election: *Village Trustees (3) and Village President*. If interested in running for local office, the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers with the Village Clerk is Tuesday, January 7, 2025. If you are interested in taking out nomination papers, please contact the Clerk's office for more information at 715-359-6114 or by email at pbrehm@westonwi.gov.

IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING



In-Person Absentee Voting takes place two weeks prior to Election Day. Check the Election Page on our website for dates and times. Saturday In-Person Absentee Voting will be available!

[WWW.westonwi.gov/elections](http://www.westonwi.gov/elections)

REFUSE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION, QUESTIONS, OR ISSUES...

Need more garbage stickers (\$1.50/piece)? Don't know if you can recycle this or that? Looking for a compost bin? Want to volunteer for a group clean-up? Visit westonwi.gov/refuseandrecycling for answers to all your refuse and recycling questions.

Should you need immediate help, please reach Waste Management at 715-241-2625. If you have issues that they are not able to assist you with, please contact Valerie at 715-241-2607 or vparker@westonwi.gov.



Valerie Parker
Planning Technician

STAFF/COMMITTEE/TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT



Barbara (Barb) Ermeling
Village Trustee

Barb is originally from Brokaw, WI. She has been a Town/Village of Weston resident since 1966. Her and her husband, Mike, raised their three sons in Weston together. She is the proud mother of three grown sons, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Living in Weston since 1966, Barb shared it has been amazing to watch it grow from a small township to a rapidly growing Village.

She states that it has been a privilege, and is so proud to be able to serve both the Village and Town of Weston. In 1973, she was elected Town Treasurer for the Town of Weston. In 1985, she was elected Clerk for the Town of Weston. When the Clerk and Treasurer positions were combined, she was then elected to the newly found position of Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Weston. When portions of the Town were incorporated, she was elected as the first and only elected Clerk/Treasurer of the newly formed Village of Weston. Fast forward to 2000, she had decided to run for a trustee position and later was also elected as President of the Village of Weston. She served four years as President, before deciding to run again for Trustee. Barb currently serves as Chair for the Finance/Human Resources, Vice Chair of Parks and Recreation, Vice-Chair of the Community Life & Public Safety, and the Joint Review Board. Barb has always felt it is a great honor to be allowed to serve the residents of Weston and tries her best to respond to residents promptly who contact her.

Barb is proud, as a Board member, to see the new Municipal Center and the creation of the Mountain Bay Metro Police Department. She hopes in the future we can find more ways to share or combine services with other communities to save tax dollar, by eliminating duplication.



Stephen (Steve) Winkels
Community Development Authority (CDA) Member

Steve was born and raised in Austin, MN, and went to college in Milwaukee. After college, he worked as an estimator/project manager for a general contractor in Sheboygan. His wife, daughter, and himself moved from Sheboygan Falls to Weston in the spring of 2005 to be closer to family in Rib Lake. A couple of weeks after moving to Weston, their family welcomed a new baby son.

Steve has been a member of the CDA since 2014.

He currently works as Director of Estimating at Central Wisconsin Woodworking Corp. (CWWC). CWWC moved its operations from the north side of Wausau to Weston in 2016 and has been with the company for 16 years.

His hobbies include gardening, landscaping, woodworking, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family.



Jayson (Roman) Maguire
Lead Building Inspector & Building Manager

Roman has worked in multiple construction trade fields since high school. However, the construction journey started in high school with the building trades program at Ashland High School and working summers in the families masonry and fireplace business. Roman and his wife have lived in Weston with their two sons since 2016. The eldest is in college in Waukesha as a student-athlete and the youngest is in Junior High.

He started with the Village in 2016, as the Property Inspector and assistant to the Building Inspector & Building Manager, Scott Tatro. Roman was appointed as the Building Inspector in 2023 after Scott's retirement.

Roman is a Member of the Building Inspectors Association of North-East Wisconsin (BIANEW), the Wisconsin Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI), and the International Code Council (ICC).

Roman enjoys travel, camping, sports, and is an avid boater. When he is not exploring the countryside, you can find him listening to his vinyl record collection, smoking food in the smoker, or gardening, he and his wife have a hosta collection of over 50 different varieties. He has served on the DC Everest Youth Baseball Board since 2017. Most notable as the President and is currently the Vice President of the organization. Previously, when living in Kimberly, WI he was the President of Kimberly Youth Wrestling. Along with serving on association boards, he has been coaching youth sports since High School in baseball, football, wrestling, and soccer.



Nathan (Nate) Crowe
Technology Services Director

Nate has been with the Village since 2004. He was hired as a GIS Specialist to build and enhance the mapping database which consists of everything from water and sewer assets to trees. In 2008, Nate was promoted to the Director of GIS and Technology. With that promotion, Nate was tasked with also managing the Village's IT infrastructure.

Nate has a bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. He also obtained a master's degree in information and communication technology from the University of Wisconsin–Stout.

Outside of work, he loves to spend time with his wife and two children. His hobbies include travel, golf, kayaking, and cheering on his children's sports teams.



Shawn Osterbrink
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Shawn has been with the Village for 24 years and in his current position for the past 21 years. He grew up in the area and lives in Weston with his wife and youngest son.

He spent nine years coaching his son in youth baseball and occasionally still volunteers during tournaments held by D.C. Everest Youth Baseball.

Outside of work, he enjoys fishing, snowmobiling, watching the Brewers, and spending time with his family and the family dog Jack.

2025 BUDGET



Jami Gebert
Village Administrator

The hint of crisp air and the start of fall foliage are synonymous with the change of seasons, but for municipal leaders, they also signify the height of the annual budget process. At its most fundamental level, an annual budget details how revenues and expenses are allocated between departments.

However, a successful budgeting process also gathers a variety of stakeholders input to incorporate viewpoints, establish linkages to strategic goals, and involves and promotes effective management of available resources.

The Village will be establishing a series of special Board of Trustees meetings to proceed through the 2025 budget development process, and we want your input! If you haven't already, we encourage you to sign up for notifications. Visit the Village of Weston's website, westonwi.gov, and on the homepage click on **View All News**. Scroll down to the **Be in the Know!** heading. Here you can select to subscribe to meeting notices, weekly and quarterly newsletters, and urgent alerts. The Village will be sharing updates on the 2025 budget development process through notification messages, including meeting dates and times related to the budget, updates on budget progress, and suggestion surveys regarding projects and/or expenditures. Notice of the Village's 2025 Budget Public Hearing will also be shared through notifications. The annual Budget Public Hearing is held in November and includes an overview presentation of the upcoming budget, plus an operating summary of revenues and expenditures. All residents are welcome to attend. If interested in viewing budget information from previous years, please visit the Budget page on our website, westonwi.gov/273/Budget. There you'll find the past several years of adopted budgets available for review.

Understanding budgeting is a year around activity, taking time in the fall for the planning and development of the financials for next year is at the core of good governance. As Benjamin Franklin said, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." Help us plan, be a part of the process, and have your input heard – sign up for notifications today and be on the lookout for 2025 budget information.

The **Where's the Everest Tree Search** is on! Spot five hidden trees, note the pages, and visit westonwi.gov/EverestTreeSearch *Submission deadline is **November 10, 2024**.

One entry per household for Village residents, the image does not count along with the tree in our logos.

Good luck!



*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 **November 15, 2024**, to be entered into a drawing for a Village of Weston apparel item.*

- DOWN**
1. Business Spotlight this quarter that serves a full-service auto repair shop
 2. Open Tuesdays and Saturdays and closes October 26th for the season.
 5. "Like and Follow" social media platform
 6. Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release applies to this feral animal
 7. Tree associated with our logo
 9. ONLY polling location street name
 11. America Recycles Month

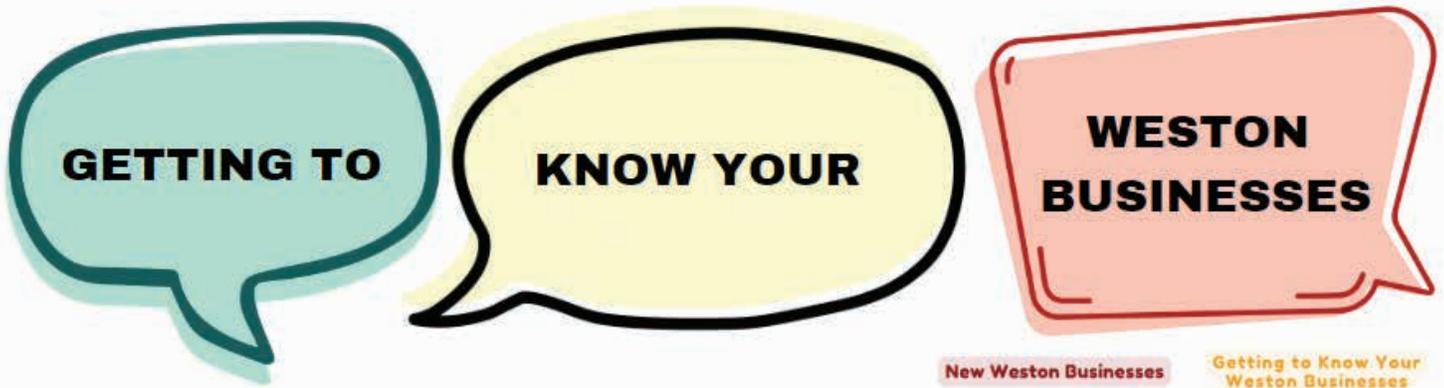
- ACROSS**
3. Celebrated its 26th season this past summer
 4. Contact regarding a streetlight out or needing repairs
 8. FREE meter reading, and water usage alerting system
 10. \$1.50 a piece for overflow of refuse
 12. MBMPD street location
 13. ANY AND ALL _____ to real estate property assessments must be filed no later than October 15th at 4:00 p.m.
 14. Election held on November 5, 2024
 15. Number of playground equipment installed this past summer

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

VILLAGE CROSSWORD



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 OR **SCAN ME** 

New Weston Businesses



Getting to Know Your Weston Businesses



AUTOSELECT 6205 Schofield Avenue, Weston WI 54476

As a full-service auto repair shop, Auto Select offers a wide range of automotive services for all brands to keep vehicles running smoothly and safely. Including specializing in European & Asian Imports from simple maintenance to complex diagnostics & repair. We are client-focused and community-minded.



After a 21-year career with All-Car Automotive Centers, Mike Molitor and his wife, Roxanne, leased five closed All-Car service center locations, bought the shop equipment, and reopened them as Auto Select. Those five locations, Weston/Wausau, Stevens Point, Appleton, Green Bay, and Marinette (which was later sold) were the start of Auto Select, and they all opened on Nov. 13, 2000. We've grown to 12 locations. Hortonville, which opened in March 2024, is our newest shop. Because our industry is based on trust and building relationships, we only hire people who have a strong work ethic and unwavering integrity and who are willing to exceed client expectations...every single day. That is why we've been successful. We have a team of talented people who work hard, believe in, and embrace our goals to be the best auto repair shops in each of our markets.

WESTON HOUSE CAFE 3200 Schofield Avenue, Weston, WI 54476



We are a cafe. We have tasty and healthier food options for those looking for this. Some of our main features are the coffee, açai bowls, along with smoothies and shakes. We have an assortment of breakfast, lunch, and dinner items that taste amazing. We use many local brands to create these foods and drinks. All menu items can be ordered throughout the day during the extensive hours we are open. Stop on in and see what the rave is all about.

We wanted to provide healthier food options for the general public as well as Adventure Awaits CrossFit gym members. By having a cafe next to this gym on a main road in the Village of Weston, we hope to achieve this. We wanted to create a comfortable atmosphere of having a place to have coffee in the mornings with quality breakfast items, to have lunch or dinner, to enjoy an açai bowl, smoothie, or protein shake. We are promoting healthier choices to people by using local vendors and high-quality food products we aim to achieve those goals. We are excited about providing this service to the community!



VILLAGE OF WESTON
 4747 CAMP PHILIPS ROAD
 WESTON, WI 54476



Notable Dates

- **SEPTEMBER 2**
Closed - Labor Day Holiday
- **OCTOBER 2**
Electronic Recycling Event
- **OCTOBER 3 - 5**
Bulk-Item Drop-Off
- **OCTOBER 15**
Board of Review
- **OCTOBER 16**
Community Shred Event
- **OCTOBER 18**
Mountain Bay Metro's Monster Bash
- **OCTOBER 31**
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Trick or Treat
- **NOVEMBER 5**
General Election
- **NOVEMBER 15**
America Recycles Day
- **NOVEMBER 28 & 29**
Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday



VILLAGE OF WESTON MUNICIPAL CENTER

Address: 4747 Camp Philips 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

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"	4:30 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	5:00 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.