

THE WIRE



What's going on in the Village of Weston

Fall 2025

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IMPORTANT UPDATE

NEW GARBAGE & RECYCLING SERVICES PROVIDER Beginning January 2026

We want to make you aware of an important update regarding the Village's garbage and recycling collection services. After a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process in early 2025, **Harter's Fox Valley Disposal** was selected as the Village's new service provider. The Village is currently working to finalize a seven-year agreement with Harter's, which will begin on January 1, 2026.

As part of the RFP process, the Village explored cost options for garbage and recycling collection, including the possibility of transitioning to weekly service for both. However, the associated cost increase for weekly recycling was ultimately prohibitive. Under the new contract, Harter's will provide weekly garbage and bi-weekly recycling service. As we prepare for this transition, here are key changes residents can expect:



NEW 95-GALLON CARTS FOR TRASH AND RECYCLING

Harter's will provide each single-family home and residential building (up to four units) with **new 95-gallon carts** for both trash and recycling. Each cart will include an informational packet with Harter's contact details.

- Cart delivery is expected to begin in **early December**.
- Residents who prefer a **smaller 65-gallon cart** can request an exchange after the first two months of service.
- Waste Management carts will be collected after their final pickup.
- More information, including delivery and pickup dates, will be shared in the **December issue of *The Wire***, on the **Village website**, **Facebook page**, and **Weekly E-Newsletter**.



SEE **FURTHER DETAILS ON THE CHANGE** ON PAGE 6

KENNEDY PARK RENOVATION FIELD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Progress is in Full Swing! Construction is ramping up on the two approved and funded fields, along with the stormwater pond located in the southeast corner of the site. Crews are currently busy with rough grading and have begun installing the retaining wall on the south field.

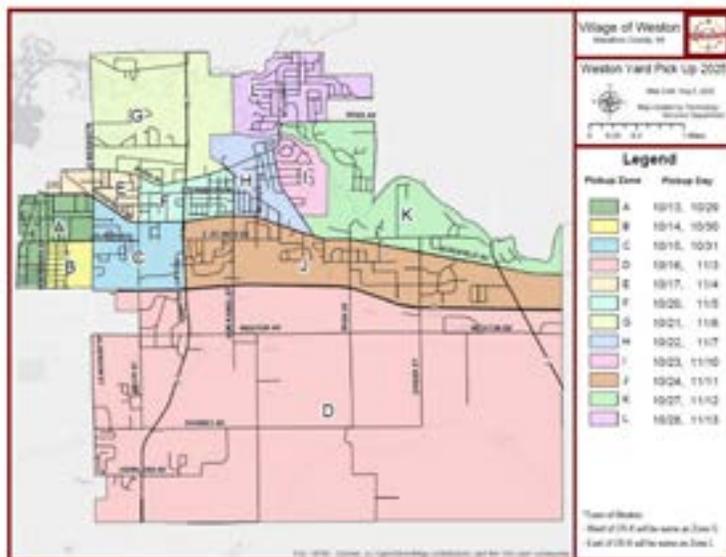
Concrete and masonry work will continue throughout August, helping define the field layout with features such as dugouts, batting cages, and storage areas. Turf installation is slated for late August—once that's in place, fencing installation will follow closely behind.

While some elements, such as scoreboards and lighting, have longer lead times, they are scheduled to be installed in late October. If all goes according to plan, the fields will be fully completed by October. This timeline allows the grass to establish itself before winter dormancy, ensuring the fields will be game-ready for use as soon as spring arrives!

Stay tuned for more updates as we bring these exciting additions to life.



Learn more:
westonwi.gov/kennedyparkrenovation



REFUSE & RECYCLING



**FALL CLEAN-UP
EVENTS COMING
SOON**



PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS



Micheal Wodalski
Public Works Director



From October 31 to May 1, alternate streetside parking is in effect for all streets in the Village of Weston, between 4:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. During this time, vehicles shall be parked on the even-numbered side of the street on even-numbered calendar days, and on the odd side of the street on odd-numbered calendar days, unless otherwise posted or exempted.

For example, if your address is 5500 (an even number), you may park on your side of the street between 4:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on the 2nd, 4th, 6th, etc., of the month, and you would have to park across the street on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc., on alternate days. (Remember, if you park a car on the street overnight, it's *what the date will be at 4:00 a.m. the following day* that determines which side to park on.)

Alternate side parking helps ensure plow trucks can properly plow streets, as vehicles will be on only one side of the road when they come through. In the past, plow trucks had to skip streets due to parked vehicles being on both sides of the road, not leaving enough room for the plow to drive between the parked vehicles.

FALL CURBSIDE YARD MATERIAL AND BRUSH PICKUP SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13TH

Please see the attached map and schedule identifying when pickup will occur in your neighborhood.

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 5 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 pick-up dates).
- Yard materials must be out to the roadside by 7AM 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 St.



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

Bulk-Item Drop-Off Event
 October 2, 2025 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 October 3, 2025 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 October 4, 2025 - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 at Waste Management (5509 Fuller St.)

Electronics Recycling Event
 October 4, 2025 - Noon to 5:00 p.m.
 Behind the Weston Municipal Center

Community Paper Shred Day Event
 October 8, 2025 - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Behind the Weston Municipal Center

Visit www.westonwi.gov for more information, or call (715) 359-8114.

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	10/13, 10/29
B	Between Normandy St, Jelinek Ave, Alderson St. and STH 29	10/14, 10/30
C	Between Schofield Ave, Alderson St. CTH X and STH 29	10/15, 10/31
D	Area South of STH 29	10/16, 11/3
E	Between Ross Ave, Schofield Ave, Birch St. and City of Schofield Boundary	10/17, 11/4
F	Between Ross Ave, Schofield Ave, Birch St. and Von Kanel St	10/20, 11/5
G	Between Alderson St, Ross Ave, CTH X and North Village Boundary	10/21, 11/6
H	Between Von Kanel St, Eau Claire River, Fuller St and Schofield Ave	10/22, 11/7
I	Between Ross Ave, Fuller St, Eau Claire River, and Schofield Ave	10/23, 11/10
J	Between CTH X, STH 29, Schofield Ave and East Village Boundary	10/24, 11/11
K	Between Ross Ave, Eau Claire River and Town of Weston Boundary Between Schofield Ave, Eau Claire River and Town of Weston Boundary	10/27, 11/12
L	Between Eau Claire River, Ross Ave and Town of Weston Boundary	10/28, 11/13

PLAN DEVELOPMENT



The Village of Weston is developing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in the coming year. The planning process will involve developing a vision for the future of multi-modal facilities (such as sidewalks, trails, and on-street bikeways) within the Village. This project is responding to a growing need to address safety, accessibility, tourism, recreation, and quality of life for people of all ages and abilities within Weston. Connecting residents and visitors to schools, parks, places of employment and commercial areas, along with connecting to regional trail networks in the area, will be a priority for the plan.

This planning process kicked off in August of 2025 and is anticipated to be completed by July of 2026. The project is being funded primarily through TAP funding (\$48,000) administered by the Wisconsin DOT, with matching funds (\$12,000) provided by the Village of Weston. A consulting team of planners, landscape architects and engineers (HKGi and raSmith) has been contracted to assist with the completion of the plan. The process will

involve gathering ideas from the community to understand ideas and concerns; this feedback will ultimately influence the future network plan and recommendations.

To learn more about the project, please visit <https://westonwi.gov/950/Village-of-Weston-Bicycle-and-Pedestrian>.



FIRE FEE DISCUSSION AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

As many residents are aware, the Village has been exploring the implementation of a fire fee to help fund the SAFER District. Understandably, this has raised several questions within the community. An informational meeting was held on August 6th, which was attended by approximately 20 residents and provided an overview of the proposal.

The proposed fire fee would appear as a separate line item on your property tax bill, beginning in 2026. For most homeowners, the fee is expected to range between \$40 and \$60. The purpose of this fee is to support current SAFER District operations and help fund nine additional firefighter positions.

To supplement this effort, SAFER has applied for a federal grant totaling nearly \$1.7 million over a three-year period. If awarded, the grant would assist significantly in covering the cost of the additional staffing. Currently, SAFER operates with approximately 40% fewer personnel than comparable departments, and mutual aid is requested from neighboring communities more than 100 times per year. This staffing shortfall contributes to longer ambulance response times and fewer personnel available to respond to emergencies—an ongoing safety concern.



Fire fees are not uncommon across the state and have proven to be an effective tool for communities facing similar challenges. With rising costs and state-imposed levy limits, many municipalities have turned to such fees to maintain essential services.

While it's true that property taxes already support fire service, the increasing cost of providing all municipal services has outpaced revenue growth. Although last year's property reassessment resulted in tax increases for many homeowners, many commercial properties experienced decreases, resulting in a minimal net increase in overall Village tax revenue.

Could the fire fee change in the future? Yes, adjustments are possible. However, significant increases are considered unlikely, and reductions may also be feasible depending on changes in the Village's tax base and financial outlook in the coming years.

Residents are encouraged to contact the Village or the SAFER District with any questions. Additionally, all are welcome to attend SAFER District or Village Board meetings, which are posted on our respective websites.

CLERKS

RUN FOR OFFICE

- ✓ SPRING ELECTION, APRIL 7, 2026
- ✓ 3 TRUSTEE SEATS UP FOR RE-ELECTION
- ✓ DECEMBER 1 - NOMINATION PAPERS CIRCULATED
- ✓ PAPERWORK AVAILABLE AT CLERKS OFFICE OR ONLINE

RUN FOR OFFICE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTON!

THE VILLAGE OF Weston
It's Right Here

STAFF/COMMITTEE/TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT



Mark Maloney, Village President

What do you enjoy most about the Village?

There are so many things to like about our Village. The D.C. Everest School District is a big one—it really helps bring our whole area together. I'm also grateful for the strong teamwork between our local municipalities, the Mountain Bay Metro Police Department, and SAFER. Our Village staff truly has the community's best interests at heart. Whether it's plowing snow, keeping our roads in great shape, ensuring public safety, or responding to concerns with real care, they're always working to make things better. We're lucky to be part of a community that cares—and one that continues to grow in all the right ways.



Jessica Trautman, Finance Director/Treasurer

Jessica began her service with the Village in 2007 as Deputy Finance Director. In 2015, she took the role of Finance Director for the Town of Rib Mountain. She returned to the Village in 2017, assuming the position of Finance Director/Treasurer.

As Finance Director, Jessica oversees all financial operations for the Village. She ensures compliance with State statutes during the annual budget process and safeguards that expenditures do not exceed revenues. Throughout the year, she manages the accurate recording and accounting of all expenditures, maintaining the fiscal integrity of the Village.

When not at work Jessica enjoys going to Door County with her family, spending time at their seasonal campsite.



Josh Swenson, Utility Superintendent

Josh has been a part of the Village of Weston Public Works & Utilities team for seven years. A native of Rothschild and a graduate from D.C. Everest Sr. High School, Josh earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University.

As Utility Superintendent, Josh oversees the planning, operation and maintenance of the Village's water distribution and wastewater collection systems. Josh leads a dedicated team of five Utility Operators that are responsible for providing safe drinking water and managing wastewater infrastructure, all while ensuring regulatory compliance with local, state, and federal standards.

When not at work, Josh enjoys spending time outdoors with his beautiful wife and two boys, fishing, attending concerts, as well as coaching local youth hockey and baseball programs.



Roger Esker, Parks and Recreation Committee

Roger was born and raised on a dairy farm south of Hatley, near Pike Lake and has lived in Weston for 56 years. He worked for the Weyerhaeuser/Domtar Paper Company for 40 years, retiring 18 years ago and is also a US Army veteran.

Roger has served on the Parks and Recreation Committee for 37 years. He has always had an interest in what goes on in the area, especially in the parks. Roger, along with his wife Ann, have three boys who played many baseball games at Kennedy Park. He has also spent many years as a coach and then an umpire in the RSW Little League. His interests include most sports with baseball being a family favorite.

Roger looks forward to seeing how the area parks continue to develop.



Jared Hoekstra, Utility Maintainer

Jared has been with the Village of Weston for four years. He began as a Parks Operator, a role he held for two years before transitioning to the Public Works & Utilities Department. Jared is a D.C. Everest graduate and has lived in the Village of Weston his entire life.

As a utility maintainer with the Village, Jared can be found performing water testing, sewer jetting, lateral inspections, and locating water lines for Digger's Hotline, as well as repairing mains and hydrants.

When Jared is not at work, he enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, and playing baseball for the Everest Merchants.

**MORE ABOUT CHANGES WITH
NEW GARBAGE & RECYCLING SERVICE PROVIDER** FROM PAGE 1

SPRING/FALL BULK ITEM DROP-OFF EVENT SITE IS CHANGING

Our **Spring and Fall Bulk Item Drop-Off Events** will continue! However, beginning **January 1, 2026**, drop-off will take place at:

Harter's Ringle Facility
169901 Ringle Avenue, Ringle, located three miles outside of Weston, off CTH Q

ANNUAL REFUSE AND RECYCLING FEE WILL INCREASE

The Village has not raised the refuse and recycling fee in **seven years**. While the RFP process was competitive and ensured market-based pricing, **costs will increase** due to rising material, labor, and operational expenses.



OVERFLOW STICKERS FOR TRASH AND RECYCLING

- Overflow stickers will now be available for both excess refuse and recycling starting January 1, 2026.
- Cost: \$2.00 per sticker
 - Available at the Municipal Building, 4747 Camp Phillips Road, Weston

STAY INFORMED!

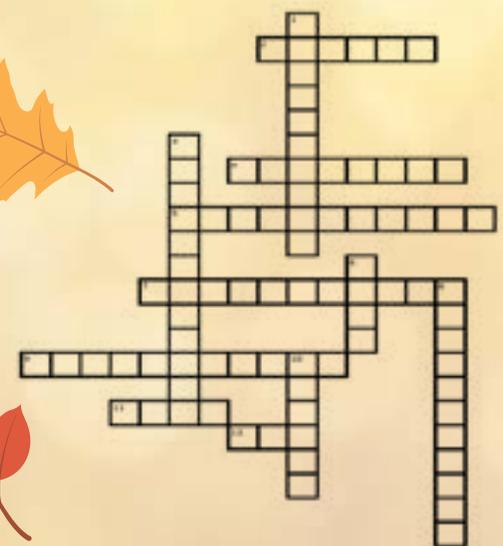
More details will be shared later this year. Watch for updates in:

- The Village's Website
- Facebook Page
- Weekly E-Newsletter
- December Issue of The Wire Newsletter

Thank you for your cooperation—and for helping us keep our community clean and well-maintained!



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 ~~August 8,~~ **November 7 2025**, to be entered into a drawing for a Village of Weston apparel item.*

Oops!

- Down:
1. Quilt-Sann, Weiland, Look, and Barclay
 3. It's smile lights up your stoop in October
 6. Committee that reviews nuisances and complaints
 8. Between Cherokee St and Apache Ln
 10. Do not rake leaves into this area
- Across:
2. Service for yard waste in the fall
 4. Can be purchased for \$2 at the Weston Municipal Center
 5. Five Fields
 7. Where the Weston Acoustic Concert Series was hosted
 9. Mountain Bay Metro PD Event - October 10
 11. ___ For a Cause
 12. December ____, circulate nomination papers for April 2026 election



Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____

PARKS

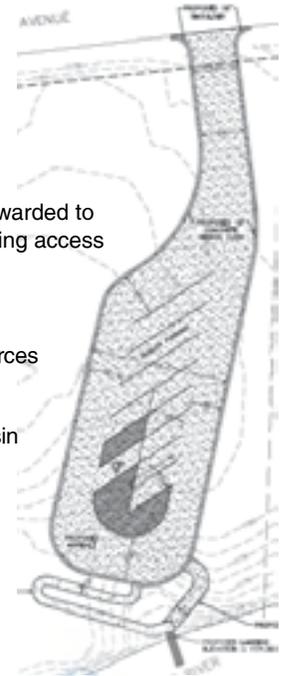
YELLOWBANKS LAUNCH

Improvements to Yellowbanks kayak launch are scheduled to begin in late August, with the project awarded to PGA Inc. Planned enhancements include the construction of a new parking lot, a sloped path providing access to the river, and an ADA-accessible dock.

To help fund this project, the Village of Weston received several grants:

- A \$48,000 50/50 matching grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- A \$2,500 grant from the Wausau Noon Kiwanis
- A \$5,000 grant from the Wausau/Marathon County Parks Foundation
- A \$15,000 Impact Grant from the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin
- And a \$40,000 grant from the Marathon County Specialized Transportation Trust Fund, awarded by the County's Transportation Coordinating Committee

These contributions will significantly support the Village's efforts to improve accessibility and recreational opportunities at Yellowbanks, thank you!



SEA YOU NEXT SUMMER FOR WAVES OF FUN!

The Village of Weston would like to thank everyone who visited the Aquatic Center during its 27th season. We look forward to **SEAing you in 2026!**



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



CLEARVIEW GARDEN CENTER:

6414 Schofield Avenue, Weston, WI 54476

leigh@clearviewgardencenter.com

<https://www.clearviewgardencenter.com>



Clearview Garden Center makes plant shopping fun and approachable in a friendly, laid-back setting. Owned by Wausau native Leigh Presley, since 2021, Clearview is the realization of a dream to run a plant-focused business.

Leigh, and her knowledgeable team, are passionate about helping you find the right plant for the right place. Clearview offers a wide selection of perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs, fruits, vegetables, garden supplies, and unique garden decor. We focus on supplying plants that are native and/or environmentally appropriate and beneficial for Central Wisconsin's people, climate, wildlife, and pollinators. We are open from late April through late



October and offer fun and educational workshops and events throughout the year.

Visit clearviewgardencenter.com and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest information.

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Notable Dates



• SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1 Labor Day Closed
- Sept. 12-14* MC United Fall Cup

• OCTOBER

- Oct. 2 Weston Community Blood Drive
- Oct. 2-4 Bulk Item Drop Off
- Oct. 4 Electronic Recycling Event
- Oct. 8 Community Shred Event
- Oct. 10 Mountain Bay Metro's Monster Bash
- Oct. 31 Trick or Treat (hours 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.) 

• NOVEMBER

- Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Day Closed 
- Nov. 28 Office Closed

*Funded in part by the Weston Tourism Commission

The **Where's the Everest Tree Search** is on! Spot five hidden trees, note the pages, and visit westonwi.gov/EverestTreeSearch
*Submission deadline is **August 8, 2025**

One entry per household for Village residents, the image here  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

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.