



THE BAY QUARTERLY



OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020





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Meetings

Meetings monthly, or as noted, at Village Hall or via Teleconference. Meetings may be rescheduled. Check www.williamsbay.org for the most up-to-date calendar.

Village Board:

1st & 3rd Monday 7:00PM

Committee Meetings:

Following Wednesday after the first Board Meeting 6:30PM

Plan Commission:

2nd Tuesday as needed 6:30PM

Zoning Board of Appeals:

3rd Tuesday as needed 6:30PM

Contact Us

Village Hall.....(262) 245-2700
Jim Weiss, Administrator.....(262) 245-2703
Jackie Pankau, Clerk.....ext. 1
Lori Peternell, Treasurer.....ext. 2
Bonnie Schaeffer, Zoning Administrator.....ext. 5
Joe Mesler, Building Inspector.....(262) 215-3711
Justin Border, Building Inspector...(262) 245-2704
Court Clerk.....(262) 245-2436

Water Department.....(262) 245-2707

Street Department.....(262) 245-2706

EMERGENCY.....9-1-1

Police Department.....(262) 245-2710

Fire Department.....(262) 245-2712

Recreation Department.....(262) 245-2720

Barrett Memorial Library.....(262) 245-2709

**Check out our Village Calendar at
www.williamsbay.org
for upcoming events!**

NOTICE OF SANITARY SEWER RATE INCREASE

Summary: On March 16, 2020, Resolution R-6-20 pertaining to sewer rates was adopted by the Village of Williams Bay Board of Trustees. This resolution increases the sanitary sewer base charge for properties in the Village of Williams Bay. These charges support the costs to convey and treat sewerage from Village properties, including operation, maintenance and replacement costs of the sewer collection system.

Reason for Increase: The Village reviews the sanitary sewer charge in order to ensure sufficient revenue is being generated to cover the sanitary sewer system expenses. Sewer rates were last adjusted in 2016. Reasons for the current increase include a growth in capital expenditures for sanitary sewer collection, a rise in treatment costs due to intensified regulation, and the general increase in expenses that have occurred over the four-year period since rates were last modified.

Effective Date: Fourth Quarter Billing

Increase Amount: Your sanitary sewer base fee is determined by the size of water meter that you have. Most residential users have a 5/8" or 3/4" water meter. The quarterly sewer base fee charges are changing per the following:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Current Base Rate</u>	<u>New Base Rate</u>
5/8" Residential	\$68.50	\$89.05
1" Residential	\$171.25	\$222.63
1.25" Residential	\$239.75	\$311.68
1.5" Residential	\$342.50	\$445.25
2" Residential	\$548.00	\$712.40
2.5" Residential	\$822.00	\$1,068.60
3" Residential	\$1,096.00	\$1,424.80
4" Residential	\$1,712.50	\$2,226.25
3/4" Residential	\$68.50	\$89.05
5/8" Residential Out of Town	\$85.63	\$111.32
2" Residential Out of Town	\$685.00	\$890.50
5/8" Commercial	\$68.50	\$89.05
1" Commercial	\$171.25	\$222.63
1.25" Commercial	\$239.75	\$311.68
1.5" Commercial	\$342.50	\$445.25
2" Commercial	\$548.00	\$712.40
2.5" Commercial	\$822.00	\$1,068.60
3" Commercial	\$1,096.00	\$1,424.80
4" Commercial	\$1,712.50	\$2,226.25
6" Commercial	\$3,425.00	\$4,452.50
3/4" Commercial	\$68.50	\$89.05
5/8" Commercial Out of Town	\$85.63	\$111.32
2" Commercial Out of Town	\$685.00	\$890.50
5/8" Public Authority	\$68.50	\$89.05
1" Public Authority	\$171.25	\$222.63
1.25" Public Authority	\$239.75	\$311.68
1.5" Public Authority	\$342.50	\$445.25
2" Public Authority	\$548.00	\$712.40
2.5" Public Authority	\$822.00	\$1,068.60
3" Public Authority	\$1,096.00	\$1,424.80
4" Public Authority	\$1,712.50	\$2,226.25
5/8" Public Authority Out of Town	\$85.63	\$111.32
2" Public Authority Out of Town	\$685.00	\$890.50

The sewer usage fee remains the same at \$3.70 per thousand gallons.

Contact Information: For questions regarding the sanitary sewer rate increase, please contact the Village of Williams Bay Utilities at (262) 245-2700.

ELECTION NEWS



NEXT ELECTION:

November 3, 2020 General Election

Polling Place

Lions Field House

240 Elkhorn Road, Williams Bay, WI 53191

Polling Place Hours

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

What's On My Ballot

President / Vice President

Representative in Congress District 1

Representative to the Assembly District 31

District Attorney

Walworth County Clerk

Walworth County Treasurer

Walworth County Register of Deeds

Other Ways to Vote

Receive your ballot by mail: Wisconsin voters can receive their absentee ballot by mail. If you are a registered voter who would like to vote in the 2020 General Election, make sure to submit your request for an absentee ballot by Oct. 29th.

Vote absentee in-person at Lions Field House: **October 20th - 30th** you can vote an absentee ballot in person at the Lions Field House Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30AM-5:00PM and Thursday 8:30AM-Noon.

Have your Photo ID Ready!

When you come to vote, please have your Photo ID ready to help expedite the line. Typically your Drivers License or U.S. Passport will be your Photo ID, but if you have questions on what other Photo ID options are available, please visit <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/PhotoIDRequired>.

New Address? New Name? New Voter? Register Now!

Registering before Election Day helps the process at the Polling Place run efficiently. Register at the Field House during In-Person Absentee hours, or at Village Hall during normal business hours. Bring your license, utility bill or a legal document with your name and physical address on it for Proof of Residency.

**NO VOTING OR
REGISTERING AFTER
OCTOBER 30th!**

If you need to Register to Vote, please do so before October 30th if possible. You may register at the Polling Place on Election Day if needed.

There will be no In-Person Absentee voting after October 30.

YERKES OBSERVATORY UPDATE

There's a lot going on both inside and outside of the Observatory. Masonry work began in July and will continue through the fall. We are re-mortising the brickwork with a lime putty. This work is tedious but necessary as it will extend the life of the building and allow the bricks to "breathe". When moisture remains in bricks, it creates issues with bricks flaking apart. The terracotta gargoyles are being checked to make sure none are loose or pulling off. The dome itself is being examined but we have not settled on the best approach for sealing it.

All this is being done with extensive scaffolding and fencing in place. **Please remember this is an active construction site and we ask you stay off the property and away from the building.**

We are emptying offices, getting ready to refinish floors, cleaning and laying out plans for which rooms are offices, display areas, etc. We're replacing most of the light fixtures as they are a mish-mash of styles. We're doing extensive work in the library to make it more suitable for meetings.

An Olmsted committee, with active participation from area gardeners, has been formed. An aerial map of the property using drone photography was completed. That map was combined with the 1906 landscape plan to compare what exists today versus the plan. In September, a field day on the property will identify current plantings. Autumn will bring the first year of limited replanting. Landscape restoration and further planting will continue as we make progress with fundraising. The year 2022 marks "Olmsted 200," the 200th anniversary of Fredrick Law Olmsted. We are working closely with the National Association of Olmsted Parks on including Yerkes in the celebration.

We have much to do but some of it will need to wait until we have an Executive Director hired. We have a five-year plan and are well into year one so stay tuned! Thanks so much for your support.

The Yerkes Future Foundation Committee

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

Property tax bills will be mailed out at the beginning of December. If you don't receive yours, you also can download a copy of it from the Walworth County Treasurer website at <https://ascent.co.walworth.wi.us/LandRecords/PropertyListing/RealEstateTaxParcel#/Search>

If the mailing address is incorrect, changes can be sent directly to the County from this link.

If your property is your primary residence as of January 1, 2020, please review your tax bill to make sure you are receiving the lottery credit. If you aren't receiving this credit, our office can assist you to get the credit applied to your property tax bill.

What options are available to make payments?

Payments can be made the following ways:

- Pay first installment in person at Village Hall during normal business hours: 8:30am – 5:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Thursdays 8:30am – 12:00pm. Checks should be made payable to the Village of Williams Bay Treasurer.
- Drop off after hours using the depository box located in the foyer at the Village Hall.
- Mail payments to PO Box 580, Williams Bay, WI 53191. Please include remittance stubs with all payments.
- We do not accept advance dated checks.
- Receipts will only be mailed if a self-addressed postage paid envelope is included with payment.



BARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BROWSING APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE!

We are open by appointment. We invite you to come in and browse new items from each collection in a designated area of the upper level. The Library Board requires the use of face coverings, and we appreciate your compliance.

While you're here you can:

- Browse and check out new items
- Make prints and copies, and send faxes
- Get or renew a library card
- Ask for help; we cannot enter the space you're in, but we can help verbally!
- Use a computer or your own device



CURBSIDE PICKUP AVAILABLE!

This contact-less method is a safe way to provide service, and we invite you to call for help placing holds, finding reading material or movies, getting copies made, faxes sent, or utilizing our mobile printing.



OUR WIFI NOW EXTENDS TO THE PARKING LOT!

Wifi is always available in our parking lot, the whole parking lot! If you have a device feel free to sit in your vehicle or enjoy our patio bench while maintaining the required 6 feet of distancing from others.



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FALL EVENTS



Check our website for more information and additional programs.

Medicare Information Session with Jim Pfeil, Financial Advisor

5 p.m. Oct. 19 Check our website for GoToMeeting information to join this informative session.

Disinformation and Fake News: How to Spot It

5:30p.m. Oct. 22

Michael Edmonds will show you how to analyze messages, evaluate arguments, assess evidence, and locate reliable sources.

Check our website for GoToMeeting information to join this informative session.

Art Journaling Book Club

1:00 p.m. October 10

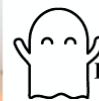
Teens and Adults alike are invited to join us virtually for a fun, relaxing spin on a traditional book club.

Keep an eye out for information to come!



BROUGHT TO YOU BY WB REC AND BARRETT LIBRARY
Scavenger Hunt

Oct 3rd-17th



Download the scavenger hunt on either the Rec or Library website and the game is afoot! Email completed scavenger hunts to the Rec Dept. or the Library for a chance to win a prize!

Candy Handout

10-a.m.-Noon Oct 24th



Candy Bags are available at the Field House for those who want to get a Halloween headstart!

Boo in the Bay Parade!

2:00p.m. Route TBD Oct 31st



Dress your car up for Halloween and join us for a Boo in the Bay Parade. Costumes are encouraged. Top three decorated cars will receive prizes!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF POLICE CHIEF, JUSTIN P. TIMM

Happy Fall Williams Bay!

This summer has been one for the history books. As we continue to navigate through this troublesome time, I wanted to touch base with a couple of different items.



We continue to hire part time police officers to serve and protect the community. We have a rigorous hiring process, however we only want the best officers to serve the Village. We recently hired Ashley Kamps as a part time police officer. She comes from a background of law enforcement and is looking forward to our community focused policing we do here in the Bay. When you see her around, please feel free to introduce yourself and let her know how great it is in the Bay.



As winter nears, please remember our parking restrictions start November 15th and run through April 15. Under 6.05(g) it is unlawful to park on any Village street between the hours of 2:00AM and 6:00AM. If you need to park on the street, please make sure to call ahead of time to get approval through the Police Department.



Also, with many residents heading out of town for the winter, please give the Police Department a call if you would like to have us do routine house checks at your residence. Even if you signed up for a house check last year, we still will need you to fill out another form with up to date contact information. Forms can be obtained at the Police Department or at www.williamsbay.org.



Finally, during this difficult time surrounding policing, I would like to sincerely thank each resident of Williams Bay for their support. Whether it was a friendly wave, nod, or a batch of warm cookies sent to the Police Department, our team cannot thank you enough. During these times, our morale and will to do the profession can be tested, however the support of the Williams Bay community has continued to impress us and move us forward.



The Village of Williams Bay

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OVERNIGHT PARKING REMINDER:

No overnight parking after **2:00AM**
on any Village Streets from
November 15th - April 15th.

If there is a Snow Emergency
there is to be no parking at

ANY TIME

on Village Streets.

