

## WESTON RECEIVES 2004 GOVERNOR’S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The Village of Weston has received the 2004 Governor’s Award for Economic Development. The purpose of the award is to recognize exceptional contributions to the economic vitality of Wisconsin through the use of creativity, leadership, effort, investment and other attributes which further broad-based economic goals within the State of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) is the sponsor of the award that honors individuals, businesses and organizations.

“With economic development activities picking up around the state, there were a lot of nominations for a variety of programs...yours was a clear winner”, said Barb Fleishner, President of WEDA in a letter to the Village.

The Village of Weston has grown by \$220,000,000 in the last four years. The growth included selling out the Weston Business & Technology Park, construction of over 450 homes, saving the Pick N’ Save store and the creation of a regional medical center. In addition, the Village created several new economic development tools that included developer letters of credit and a job-based grant program for businesses locating in the business park.

“This is an award that the whole community has a part in. From builders to bankers to our business owners to our taxpayer-investors, everyone has contributed to this success. I wish we could give each of them a copy of this award”, said Village President Vilas Machmueller.

Machmueller and Village Trustee Fred Schuster accepted the award from Governor Doyle on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Madison as a part of his Annual Economic Development Conference.

Gary Becker, an economic development specialist from Vierbicher Associates of Madison, WI nominated the Village for the award. You may read the nomination at the Village’s website – [www.westonwisconsin.org](http://www.westonwisconsin.org).



Village President Vilas Machmueller accepts the WEDA Economic Development Award from Governor James Doyle.

## VILLAGE 2004 NEW HOME VALUE AT \$153,000

The average price of new home construction increased \$18,000 in 2004 as the Village exceeded the century mark in building permits for the fifth year in a row. Weston finished the year with 135 new home building permits valued at \$20,655,000 or \$153,000 per home. The 2003 average value was \$134,000. Overall, in excess of \$45,000,000 million of permitted construction took place in the Village.

Located in the northeast corner of the Village, Developer John Tappe’s Sandy Meadow subdivision led the way in total new home construction. However, the construction value average was pushed up by larger homes in the Windemere Oaks and River Pines subdivisions.

“While some communities are just holding their own with property values, Weston taxpayers should be happy that our real estate is appreciating and that their homes are worth more”, said Finance Committee Chairman Barbara Ermeling.

Realtors and homebuilders attribute the growth to a low tax rate, full government service, a growing job base and a sound educational system.

“Our tax rate allows many homeowners to spend more on their homes. This is the chief reason home values are on the rise”, said Ermeling.



## **GROWTH PLANS AIMED TOWARD BALANCING THE COMMUNITY**

My father used to tell me that sometimes you can't see the forest through the trees. Or in other words sometimes we want what we want so much that we fail to see the big picture. Such is the case with the Village of Weston and the many taxpayer requests we receive each day asking us when we are going to get a certain restaurant or retail store that they might fancy. So I thought that I would use this month's column to try to explain our growth strategy and help you understand how we try to manage this delicate balance for all of our residents.

Weston is four miles off of Interstate 39 – that's a big deal when we are trying to recruit restaurants and retail stores that many of our newer taxpayers desire. Most service businesses like to be on the interstate because weekend traffic from our neighbors from the south create profit margin. We run into this argument all the time when we talk with Chilis or Lowes. "Create some more traffic count and get back to us" they say.

So for the last four years, we have focused on bringing good paying medical and light manufacturing jobs to the community. We have recruited three hotels and put in over 530 new homes. We have retained retail stores in our shopping area, all in an attempt to create the traffic count needed to bring a TGIFridays or an Outback Steakhouse to town. And by all indicators we are getting close to generating the 25,000 per day car count at Highway 29 and Camp Phillips needed to make our next round of recruiting trips.

But we also want to keep things in balance. Many of you like Weston the way it is and have built homes here to avoid the bustle of Rib Mountain Drive. Many like it quiet where they live and don't mind the ten-minute trek to the Grand Theater or Gander Mountain. By the way, most that hold this opinion are our 20-year plus residents who have invested their lives in the community. For you, we are sprucing up Schofield Avenue a bit, so that you can shop for your basic necessities and get home to your quiet neighborhoods and your low tax rate.

It is hard to please all of the taxpayers all of the time, but we think this balance approach to growth will satisfy most of you and still retain our small town feel. Thanks for letting me explain.

Vilas Machmueller  
Village President

## **WESTON REQUESTS STATE SHARED REVENUE REVIEW**

The Village of Weston, with help from local elected officials and the Governor's office, will appeal to the WI Department of Revenue for an increased portion of state shared revenue. State officials agreed to intervene after Village officials presented an analysis of 2004 shared revenue data that details how communities of similar value and size are receiving up to 150% more in revenue. Chippewa Falls receives over \$3,000,000 to Weston's \$1,300,000.

"It appears that there may have been a miscalculation in the WDOR formula when Weston became a Village in 1996 and the number carried through. When the legislature froze the formula a few years ago, it really hurt the Village", said Dean Zuleger, Village Administrator.

Weston will hold a series of meetings with Governor Doyle, WDOR, Rep. Petrowski, Senator Decker and other state officials in an effort to correct the miscalculation and secure more shared revenue for fiscal year 2006.

## **SPRING ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005**

### **VILLAGE OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED:**

- Village President - Vilas Machmueller
- Village Trustee – Fred Schuster
- Village Trustee – Steve Meinel
- Village Trustee – Dave Diesen

### **WHERE TO VOTE**

Please contact the Clerk's office at 241-2626 if you are unsure of where to vote. All polling places will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

You may register to vote in the Clerk's office Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you choose to register at the polls on Election Day, you must present one form of identification that shows your name and current address. You will also need to present your driver's license number or if you do not have a driver's license the last four digits of your social security number.

### **REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT**

If a request is made by mail for an absentee ballot it must be in the Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1st. If a request is made in person at the Clerk's office, the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.



## PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES NEWS

### 2004 PROJECT RECAP

**RECONSTRUCTION OF WESTON AVENUE BETWEEN CAMP PHILLIPS AND BIRCH STREET AND CAMP PHILLIPS ROAD FROM WESTVIEW BOULEVARD TO TRANSPORT WAY.** Traffic signals at the Weston Avenue and Camp Phillips Road intersection were activated on December 21, 2004. As of January 28, the street lights up to Birch Street have also been activated. The lights at the Weston/Birch intersection and those on Birch, to the north, will be activated after a final wiring connection is made at that intersection. Traffic signals will also be installed at Birch Street and Weston Avenue as a part of a separate project in 2005

**RIVERBEND AREA DRAINAGE PROJECT** – The next several weeks will likely provide a test of the drainage modifications made to date. As reported last time, J & L Excavating will finish the re-grading of ditches and culvert replacements when weather permits this spring.

**VALDRES SPRINGS AND CROSS POINTE CORPORATE PARK** – These two projects got a head start late in 2004. Both projects are at the point of having sanitary sewer and water main installed, in the majority of the plats. As soon as weather permits, storm sewer and other drainage improvements will be completed, followed by construction of the street surface. Both projects will have street lighting and streetscape.

**MISCELLANEA** – As weather permits a laundry list of odds and ends will be completed on various projects. Tillman's Nursery of Green Bay will be completing the "STREETSCAPE" project around the St. Clare's Hospital and the new developments on the north side of STH 29. Pavement will be placed on a number of projects this spring. The streets around St. Clare's hospital will receive the final pavement layer and Quentin Street (from the Sandy Meadow Subdivision to Kramer Lane) and RickyVal Street (south of Jagler Lane) will both be built. The lighting will be completed in the Shadow Ridge and Barbican developments on the north side of STH 29. The painting and other work on the Business Park Water Tower will resume in the spring with completion projected for June 1.

### MAJOR PROJECTS FOR 2005

The Village has been looking at 2005 as a time to slow down a bit on public works construction.

However, what 2005 promises to bring right now is fewer large projects, but possibly more smaller ones.

The Village will be holding informational meetings with residents affected by the drainage projects on the docket: **CALLON AVENUE/ZINSER STREET STORM SEWER OUTFALL PROJECT; CUT-OFF ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS; and VON KANEL STREET BETWEEN SCHOFIELD AVENUE AND COROZALLA.** The last issue of the "WESTON FOCUS" described the latter project and the October 2004 newsletter contained a brief description of the other two.

A gap remains in the pedestrian accommodations at the **EAST EVEREST AVENUE and CAMP PHILLIPS INTERSECTION.** The Village plans to complete sidewalk and streetscape improvements from the Barbican Center development out to Camp Phillips Road along East Everest Avenue. In addition, the traffic signals will be re-programmed and crosswalks added for pedestrian accommodations at the Camp Phillips/East Everest Avenue intersection.

Bids will be opened on February 22 for the **STONERIDGE DRIVE reconstruction BETWEEN WESTON AVENUE AND MINISTRY PARKWAY.** The intention of the project is to rebuild the street to match the look and function of the others around the St. Clare's Hospital campus, including streetscape. This is the last phase of the infrastructure around the new hospital.

The Village has approved a project agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the construction of sidewalks on **BUSINESS 51 BETWEEN JELINEK AND SCHOFIELD AVENUE.**

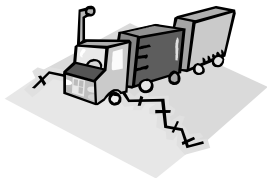
An informational meeting was held for this project on December 7, 2004. Design and R.O.W. acquisition will be completed by November 2005 with construction slated for 2006. The Village is reviewing the final plat for the last phase of the **SANDY MEADOW SUBDIVISION, ±179 lots in the SANDY MEADOW NORTH 3<sup>rd</sup> ADDITION,** by Forrest Tappe Builders. Construction work is expected to begin after May 1. The Village also expects that construction in the **ANNABELLE (Joe Buska) and RIDGEVIEW (Foresight Development) SUBDIVISIONS** on Von Kanel Street will resume as soon as weather permits in the spring. The Annabelle subdivision is a small (12 lots) development for duplex construction adjacent to STH 29. The Ridgeview Subdivision is a 60 lot single-family residential development on the land at the southwest corner of Jelinek and Von Kanel. There has been some interest expressed in several



other subdivision projects over the past year or so. Those seem to go hot and cold. More detailed reports will be given on projects as developers become more serious about them.

### **WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SURVEYS**

Late last summer and early fall the Department of Public Works held informational meetings with the residents in 3 parts of the Village that are served by private water and sewage systems. The 3 neighborhoods were arbitrarily named Yellow Banks (the northwest), Kellyland (the north central on the north side of Eau Claire River) and Callon Avenue (the northeast). As a follow up to the 2004 meetings, the Village is mailing out a meeting summary to the residents of each respective neighborhood. Along with the meeting summary the Village is including a survey to be completed and returned. The intention of the survey is to obtain more formal feedback from the 3 neighborhoods to be used as a planning aid. The meeting summaries and surveys were mailed out during the week of February 7. The Village urges each resident polled to complete the survey, regardless of their sentiments on public sanitary sewer and water service.



## **VILLAGE OF WESTON ROAD WEIGHT LIMITS**

Dependent upon weather conditions, village road and street weight limits normally go into effect about mid March, when Marathon County posts limits on county roads. All streets and roads within the Village of Weston shall conform to Marathon County posted limits. Village roads and streets excluded from weight limits are as follows:

1. Schofield Ave. – Metro Drive to CTH. “J”
2. Ross Ave. – Alderson St. to Kramer Ln.
3. Concord Ave. – Camp Phillips Rd. to Bayberry St.
4. Bayberry St. – Concord Ave. to Ross Ave.
5. Weston Ave. – Camp Phillips Rd. to Birch St.
6. Transport Way – Camp Phillips Rd. to East End
7. Ryan St. – Schofield Ave. to STH. 29 Bridge
8. Weston Ave. – CTH. “J” to Jones St.
9. Business Park roads

Please contact the Village of Weston Operations Manager if you are not sure of the weight limits on your particular road. Road weight limits are meant to protect the road system of the Village. Please help by obeying the posted limits.

## **BUILDING PERMITS ONLINE**

Thinking of adding a swimming pool to your backyard but you keep forgetting to stop by the Municipal Center to pick up the application? No need to worry, the Village building permit applications are now available online at the Building Permits, Inspections and Zoning page of the Village’s website, [www.westonwisconsin.org](http://www.westonwisconsin.org). Now busy residents can easily print and fill out building permit applications from the comfort of their own home, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. So if you’re planning a summer home improvement project and have access to a computer, feel free to check it out. For those residents who do not have computer access, the applications can still be picked up during normal business hours at the Municipal Center.

## **SIGN ORDINANCE CHANGE TO IMPROVE VILLAGE LOOK**

The Weston Planning Commission has modified the zoning code to limit the use of portable message boards, banners, and other temporary signs. The new sign ordinance would permit use of these signs for only short periods of time to highlight promotions, but would require that these signs be taken down to avoid permanent eyesores or traffic hazards in the right-of-way.

“We had a number of businesses come to the Village and tell us that many of their customers feel that Weston is an ugly community due to these signs. We conducted an exhaustive survey of these signs, met with business owners and concluded that the new ordinance would not adversely affect any business”, said Village Administrator Dean Zuleger.

The new ordinance will require that Weston businesses apply for a permit each time they want to use a temporary sign. The ordinance also provides for fines if the signs are not taken down.

## **HOME DAY CARE CENTERS MUST BE PERMITTED**

The Village of Weston Municipal Code requires that all in-home day care centers receive a conditional use permit for operation. This is to insure that the home day care facility complies with zoning regulations for residential neighborhoods especially regarding to noise, parking, property upkeep, and child safety. Failure to obtain a conditional use permit from the Village of Weston will result in a \$500 fine.



## EVEREST METRO POLICE REPORT

(The following excerpt is from the Chief's Dan Vergin's Message in the EMPD 2004 Annual Report)

I concluded my 2003 annual report letter stating that there would be challenges for 2004, and I was right. Early in the year, one of our officers resigned from the department due to his involvement in an off-duty incident in another county. That was followed by the resignation of our Community Service Officer, Stacie Weaver who moved out of the area. This could have put us into "crises mode", but once again, the professionalism of the department shined through. We were able to provide the high level of professional police services that our communities have become used to.

The Chinese symbol for *crises* is a combination of the symbols for "change" and "opportunity". With the departure of the two aforementioned officers, we hired two excellent replacements in Clayton Schulz and Greg Schremp. The addition of these men to our department generates new excitement. We also assigned Brenda Pellowski to fill the Community Service Officer role, and David Sabel began his duties as the School Resource Officer assigned to the D.C. Everest Junior High School. As you can see, we turned the "crises" into good change and wonderful opportunity.

Twenty-four sworn officers and three clerical had staffed the department in 2003. We were able to add Rhonda Witt as a part-time clerical person in 2004, helping us to fill in the gap created by the increase in reports and responsibilities of the front office. It is interesting to note that the last four months of 2004 were our busiest months ever. ..we know that 2005 will be even busier.

In recent surveys, we learned that most citizen concerns are traffic and noise. In response, we have created "RED ZONES", where we will educate the motorists, and then apply saturated patrols. In doing this, we have been able to curb the speeding in several neighborhoods. We educate by placing automated SPEED BOARDS in areas of concern that alert motorists to their speed, and we follow that up with strict enforcement. In cooperation with the Weston Elementary school and funded by a private grant, we were able to place a permanent speed board on Camp Phillips rd. This has proven to be an extremely effective method of calming traffic, without concentrated enforcement.

(To read the Chief's Message and EMPD Annual Report in its entirety call 359-4202 or go to [www.everestmetropolice.org](http://www.everestmetropolice.org))

## FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEKING QUALIFIED FIREFIGHTER AND EMS TECHNICIANS

Weston Fire Department is currently hiring personnel to be firefighters and emergency medical technicians. We have openings for up to five (5) additional part time employees who are willing to be on call for an average of eight hours each week and to respond to fires, rescues, and medical emergencies during their on-call hours and at other hours when they are available.

Our most active members earn an excellent part time income while providing life saving services to the community. Compensation rates are: \$10.00 to \$11.50 per hour (depending upon certification level) for actually responding to emergency scenes, \$7.00 per hour for monthly training (two training sessions reportable with a maximum of 6 hours total), \$5.15 per hour for standing by at the station to back up a crew on a call, and \$1.50 per hour to be on-call at your residence or other location within a six minute response time to the Weston Station.

Persons who are already certified as firefighters and/or emergency medical technicians will receive preference in hiring, but we will hire and train exceptional individuals with no previous experience who show a sincere interest in the job and are available to respond on a regular basis. Successful candidates must be physically fit enough to perform the regular duties of firefighters and EMT's; must be able to respond to the Weston station within six minutes during scheduled on-call hours; must currently be or be willing to become certified EMT's and Firefighters; pass a criminal background check; pass an interview before the Weston Public Safety Committee; and following a job offer, pass a physical examination.

While it is difficult for young firefighters and EMT's to get hired by larger, full time departments, the Weston Fire Department will welcome you and give you a chance to use your skills and gain the experience needed to become a career firefighter. As Weston grows and the Weston Fire Department adds to its current fully paid staff, part time members of our department will be given preference for full time positions based upon their certifications, their participation, and their proven abilities.

Applications for Firefighter can be picked up at the reception area of the Everest Metro Police Department, at the Village of Weston Municipal Center, or by requesting one to be mailed to your home. Please contact Chief Mike Pierce of the Weston Fire Department at 355-5419 for further information about the job or hiring process.

## 80% OF THE TAX LEVY IS COLLECTED BY JAN. 31ST

The Village of Weston taxpayers came out in droves to pay property tax payments by January 31st, the first installment due date. With a net tax levy for the Village of \$13.9 million, over \$11.1 million was collected by January 31, 2005.

Please remember that the second installment is payable to the Marathon County Treasurer. Payments can be dropped off at the County Courthouse or mailed to the following address:

Marathon County Treasurer  
500 Forest Street  
Wausau, WI 54403



If you would like to make your second installment payment BY CREDIT CARD, you can still use the same instructions sent with your tax bill (purple flyer). Remember that there is a convenience fee charged on your credit card for this payment method.

If you did not receive a tax receipt by mail or misplaced your tax receipt, please call the Municipal Center at 359-6114 or 241-2605 to get a receipt. You will likely need that receipt for itemizing deductions on your 2004 or 2005 income tax return.

The Village of Weston would especially like to thank the ten financial institutions that assisted in the tax collection process this year. A total of \$1.79 million was collected at those Weston branch locations, which was about 13% of the tax levy. This customer service was provided to the Village at no charge.

Those institutions are the following:

- Associated Bank
- Brokaw Credit Union
- Cloverbelt Credit Union
- Covantage Credit Union
- Intercity State Bank
- Mid-Wisconsin Bank
- River Valley State Bank
- M & I Bank
- Tower Credit Union
- US Bank



Dog tag licenses will continue to be processed at the Weston Municipal Center throughout 2005. To date, 623 dog licenses have been issued to Village residents. Remember that you are required to obtain a dog tag license each calendar year for your pet, not solely in the years of the rabies vaccination.

Did you know that Marathon County has a website available to review all property description and tax bill information for all properties in Marathon County? The land records website address is the following:  
**[www.co.marathon.wi.us/online](http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/online)**

## WESTON TAX RATE RANKS 2<sup>ND</sup> LOWEST IN METRO AREA

The Village of Weston 2004 assessed tax rate continues to rank below most of its neighboring communities. Weston's 2004 assessed tax rate was \$22.02, as compared to the highest assessed tax rate for the City of Wausau at \$26.01. The assessed values are used to calculate the tax rates for each community, which are then used to compute the actual tax bill that each taxpayer receives in the mail.

This means that a \$100,000 assessed value home in Weston would be billed \$2,202 for property taxes, while a \$100,000 assessed value home in Wausau would be billed \$2,601 in property taxes. This is a savings of \$399 annually for our Weston taxpayers, when compared to Wausau taxpayers.

The 2004 rankings for the local Wausau metro area communities are shown below, ranked by the 2004 combined assessed tax rate (from lowest to highest):

<b><u>2004 ASSESSED TAX RATES</u></b>			
<b><u>MUNICIPALITY NAME</u></b>	<b><u>2004 Pop.</u></b>	<b><u>2004 Local Rate</u></b>	<b><u>2004 Combined Rate</u></b>
City of Mosinee	4,162	\$6.11	\$21.97
<b>Village of Weston</b>	<b>13,003</b>	<b>\$5.45</b>	<b>\$22.02</b>
Village of Kronenwetter (M)	5,791	\$3.66	\$22.34
Village of Kronenwetter (D)	5,791	\$3.66	\$22.67
City of Schofield	2,250	\$6.86	\$22.89
Village of Rothschild	5,071	\$6.44	\$23.41
Town of Rib Mountain	7,635	\$3.80	\$26.00
City of Wausau	38,912	\$8.57	\$26.01

(M) - Mosinee School District  
(D) - DC Everest School District

Of course, the Village of Weston taxpayers have a slightly lower level of municipal services than what is offered by the City of Wausau at the present time. But as Weston continues to grow as a community, the service level will be increased as deemed necessary and affordable to our taxpayers. For example, 24/7 fire/EMS service for the Village of Weston is in the planning stages right now, and bus service is still being considered. The Village Board and Staff will be fiscally responsible to the community when enhanced services are introduced.

All communities are not assessed at the same % as each other. While Weston is assessed at 94.41% of the State's full market value, Wausau is assessed at 101.80%. It is possible that if all properties are raised to 100% full value, which reduces the tax rate, the taxpayer may still be paying the SAME amount of property taxes under either property tax rate method.



## TOWN OF WESTON NEWS & VIEWS

### 1<sup>ST</sup> INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION SUCCESSFUL

The collection of first installment property taxes is complete and was very successful! Final installment payments are payable to the Marathon County Treasurer and due by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005. The phone number for the County Treasurer's office is 715-261-1150.

### POLLWORKERS NEEDED

The Town of Weston is seeking names for our pollworkers roster. If you are a current resident and at least 18 years of age with an interest in serving at elections as a pollworker, please contact Clerk/Treasurer Unrau at 241-8209. Pollworkers are paid \$125.00 per election and are required to be on duty from approximately 7:30 AM to 8:30 PM election day.

### REMEMBER TO VOTE

**SPRING ELECTION  
APRIL 5, 2005**

**Town Residents Vote at the  
Weston Public Safety Building**

### VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Town of Weston urges all voters to bring their Wisconsin Department of Transportation issued driver's license or identification card number with them to the polls at the February 15 or April 5 elections. After voting, citizens are being asked to provide voter registration information in anticipation of the implementation of a statewide voter registration system. A table will be provided for voters to visit and fill out a form **after** they cast their ballots. This information is not required to vote at this time; however, if voters provide the information now, it will save voters from long registration lines in 2006. The federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) and Wisconsin state statutes requires all voters in Wisconsin municipalities to be registered in order to vote after January 1, 2006. All Town of Weston residents vote in the Community Room at the Weston Public Safety Building on Mesker Street. Polls are open from 8 AM to 8 PM. **Absentee ballots are available by request from the Clerk until 5:00 Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

## TOWN OF WESTON ANNUAL MEETING – APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>

The Town of Weston will be holding the Annual meeting at the Weston Public Safety Building on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005 beginning at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. The Town Annual Meeting is the most important citizen meeting of the year. By state statute, this meeting is where citizens can give direction to the Town Board.



### TOWN OF WESTON HUNTING

An ad hoc committee was approved to consider a hunting ordinance for the township. This may be somewhat like the Village of Weston did last year.

There are four specific items to look at.

1. Review Village of Weston's hunting ordinance and map.
2. Talk to DNR game warden about the Town of Weston hunting restrictions.
3. Recommend hunting ordinance to the Town Board if needed.
4. Develop a Town of Weston map with any restrictions that are needed.

**The committee will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Everest Metro Municipal courtroom on the following dates February 24, March 8, and 22.**

We would like to hear from all the hunters in the Town on how you feel on this issue. The committee members are as follows:

Arnie Baumann, Chair  
3404 CTH J  
Weston, WI. 54476  
848-3355

Tom Costa  
3502 CTH J  
Weston, WI 54476  
842-5748

John Roble  
5212 CTH J  
Weston, WI. 54476  
359-6800

Tom Erdman  
3808 Kramer Ln.  
Weston, WI 54476  
359-9031

Jason Zimmermann  
2610 Camp Phillips  
Wausau, WI. 54403  
845-0206

Everest Metro Police  
5303 Mesker St.  
Weston, WI. 54476  
359-4202



## AQUATIC CENTER NEWS

The Weston Aquatic Center is now offering a reduced rate on family passes purchased before

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The price for a resident family pass will be \$89.00 and the price for a non-resident family pass will be \$119.00. You can call 359-6114 or stop in at the Weston Municipal Center, 5500 Schofield Ave., to purchase your pass or visit us on the web at [www.westonwisconsin.org](http://www.westonwisconsin.org) to get your pass form.

### SWIMMING LESSONS TO BE OFFERED

The Weston Aquatic Center will once again be offering three sessions of swim lessons for the 2005 season. Resident registration begins Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and non-resident registration begins Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at the Weston Municipal Center, 5500 Schofield Ave. The first session is June 20<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>, second session is July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup> and the third session dates are August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>. Each lesson is 50 minutes for two weeks with a third week available for make-up lessons. American Red Cross Levels I-V will be offered at each session. Class times will be Monday through Friday from either 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Prices for classes will be \$15.00 for residents and \$20.00 for non-residents. Pre-registration is suggested as classes fill up fast. Starting June 10<sup>th</sup> registration will take place at the Aquatic Center. Contact the Weston Park Department at 359-9988 with any questions.

### AQUATIC CENTER AVAILABLE FOR FULL DAY GROUP RENTALS

The Weston Aquatic Center will once again be available for full day rentals from Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> for full day group rentals. Call now to reserve a date for your group or class trip. Contact the Weston Park Department at 359-9988 with any questions or to request a rental form for one of these dates.

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING NOW AVAILABLE

The Village of Weston now has groomed cross country ski trails available at Kennedy Park and the Eau Claire River Trail. Thanks to a local resident John Prosser, we now have groomed cross-country ski trails with track set at these two sites. We will continue grooming these trails as long as weather permits and there is enough snow cover to continue this sport.

## DOG PARK MEETING

The Village of Weston Dog Park Committee will hold a final meeting for public comments regarding the Weston Dog Park on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Weston Municipal Center, 5500 Schofield Ave. Thanks to a dedicated group of residents and a long list of donors, we have reached and exceeded the goal that we had set for ourselves to get the necessary work completed to open this park. Hoping to raise \$4,000.00 to complete the necessary repairs, we are pleased to announce that we have raised \$7,000.00 with donations still coming in daily. These additional funds will allow us to add amenities to this park immediately that will enhance the appearance and functionality of this park. If unable to attend this meeting and would like to make a comment or suggestion, contact the Village of Weston Parks Department at 359-9988.



## VILLAGE ICE RINKS CLOSED

Due to the warmer weather the Village of Weston ice rinks at Kennedy Park and Weston Elementary are closed. Skating enthusiasts are asked to check with the Greenheck Fieldhouse on open skating times. The Village is currently looking for a set of hockey dasher boards to allow for more ice time for hockey players.

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# Community Highlights

## A MESSAGE FROM WESTON VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Welcome friends and neighbors. After some delay, we are pleased to announce that Weston Veterinary Hospital will be opening its doors on February 1st, 2005. We are a full service small animal hospital providing general medical and surgical treatment, dental care, and complete diagnostic services, with an emphasis on preventative care.

We believe healthy pets are happy pets. By providing high quality compassionate care, we want to help you improve the quality and length of your pet's life so you can have a healthy, happy life together. We are located at 6303 Schofield Avenue, next to Express Lube & Penske, and will be open Mon., Tues, and Wed. 8-5, Thurs. 8-8, and Fri. 8-4. Call us at 359-4004 for an appointment or visit us on the web at [www.westonvethospital.com](http://www.westonvethospital.com).

## THANKS FROM THE VILLAGE OF WESTON

In an effort to keep taxes down, the Village relies on many of our residents who donate time and material to our community. Like Virgil **Kufahl**, who donated the siding for our public works storage building, or **Fred Mueller** who always finds us the best deals on demo police cars and pick-up trucks. Or **Mark Maloney** and **Dale Elliot** for offering Weston residents discounts when their new businesses opened. Or **Karen Schmutzler** who proof reads the Administrator's bad typing of the newsletter. Or **John Prosser** who grooms our cross-country ski trails. Or all the businesses that donate to the EMPD Halloween Party and Boys & Girls Club program. Big or little we appreciate your help.

## PATRON DONATES TASARS

In a shocking development (sorry I couldn't resist), an anonymous donor has purchased ten tasar guns for the EMPD. This non-lethal form of law enforcement allows officers to render criminals helpless in the apprehension process. This same person donated defibrillators to the EMPD last year. Thank you for this \$7500 contribution.

## YMCA TO OPEN ITS DOORS ON FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>

The Aspirus YMCA will open its doors on February 28<sup>th</sup> offering Weston residents new fitness, child care, and youth program opportunities. The facility consists of a large cardiovascular fitness area, large gym, swimming pool with a tower slide, community meeting rooms and a childcare facility scheduled to open in May. The "Y" will also feature a unique occupational rehabilitation center designed to help employees get back to work after an illness or an injury. The Village of Weston contributed over \$160,000 of utility installation to this project. For more information on membership or a hard hat tour call Dave Phelps at 574-9622 or the Wausau Y at 845-2177.

## MEGA PICK 'N' SAVE CHOSEN SOUTH AREA BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

The South Area Business Association has chosen Mega Pick 'N' Save as its 2004 business of the Year. Mega has grocery/convenience stores in Wausau, Rothschild, and Weston. Mark Maloney, Director of Operations, was largely responsible for convincing Mega to keep the 29 Weston Store open and has been instrumental in the revitalization of Schofield Avenue. Congrats Pick 'N' Save. By the way, if you are a Weston business and not a member of the South Area Business Association – why not?

## WEBER SPENDS 30+ YEARS AIDING THE VILLAGE

Village Attorney Dick Weber, named one of the Best Lawyers in America, has spent over thirty years serving the Village of Weston. Considered "the most knowledgeable" municipal attorney in the State of Wisconsin, Weber saved the Village of Weston over \$200,000 last year in public works projects alone.

Weber was instrumental in the Village incorporation process in 1996 and continues to counsel on Village issues from economic development to zoning ordinances.

## ST. CLARE'S HEALTH RUN SLATED FOR OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendar for October 29<sup>th</sup> when the Village of Weston teams up with Ministry Health Care for the St. Clare's Health Run. This event will include a 20k run (a.k.a. half-marathon or 12.4 miles), 10k run (6.2 miles), and 5k run/walk (3.1 miles) and will be held in conjunction with the Saint Clare's Hospital grand opening. The event will be coordinated by Village of Weston employee and avid runner Valerie Parker and will take the place of the Eau Claire River Trail Fun Run.

## JOIN THE MANY WHO USE WESTON AS THEIR ADDRESS

The Village Board and staff invite all Taxpayers to use "Weston" as their mailing address with the 54476 zip code. Your efforts to "**Put the Zip In Weston**" will be used as part of a campaign to get the U.S. Postal Service, Yellow Book, Wausau Daily Herald and others to recognize Weston when they are in our community. The Village continues to request a separate zip code from the U.S. Postal Service. So the next time you order your checks, give a deliveryman your address or order that Godfather's Pizza use Weston and help educate the confused.

## TAXPAYER QUESTION OF THE MONTH

**From 1-5 Rank Your Priority of New Village Services: ( 1= Best)**

- Bus Service
- Farmers Market
- Skatepark
- Community Festival
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick A New Restaurant (we need a good response on this one)**

- Chillis
- TGIFridays
- Applebees
- Panera Bread
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Return your answers to 5500 Schofield Avenue or call the Village Administrator at 241-2600.

## KRISTINE WEIRAUCH TO RUN AS WRITE-IN FOR JUDGE

Kristine Weirauch, 5917 Morningview Lane, has announced her intention to seek the Everest Metro Municipal Court Judge seat as a write-in candidate. Schofield, Weston and the Town of Weston just recently amended their ordinances to require that the Municipal Judge must be a member of the State Bar. Weirauch is a member of the Daubert Law Firm and currently is a board member of the D.C. Everest School District Board of Education. If elected, Weirauch will have to give up her school board position. Voters will have to write-in her name on the ballot during the April election.

## EMPLOYEES HONORED

The Village Board honored the following employees at their December Christmas Party:

Employee of the Year –	Keith Donner, DPW
Taxpayer Service Awards –	Lori Bartha
	Chad Dietsche
Frontline Employees Award -	Randy Vliestra
	Craig Groshek
Quality Management Awards-	Sheryl Morris
	Dan Koski

Congratulations to all award winners and thank you for your commitment to the community.

## COOL PLACES TO VISIT IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTON

There are many hidden gems in the Village of Weston. Here are just a few that you may have missed in your daily travel.

**Country Harvest, 3510 Schofield Avenue (Healthy Food at a Reasonable Price)**

**A-T Video Services, 5802 Business 51 (A special place to have your personal videos edited or copied)**

**The Grill at Country Fresh Meats, Corner of Hwy 29 and County J (Yummy Place for Lunch)**

**Dave Junion Photography, 5620 Business 51 (Simply the Best)**

**Nicoles Boutique, 2111 Schofield Ave, (Why Drive to Michigan Avenue, when Nicole has it right here)**

Have a "Cool Places" suggestion? E-mail the village through the website for inclusion in the newsletter.

# VILLAGE OF WESTON PROMOTES EARTH DAY 2005 WITH SHIRTS AGAIN!

The Village of Weston would again like to offer its residents an opportunity to promote Earth Day 2005, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, with T-Shirts, Long Sleeve Shirts, and Sweatshirts that can be ordered with one of three different screen print design patterns.

Each short and long sleeve shirt is a Gildan 100% cotton T's-brand, and the sweatshirt is a Lee brand. T-shirts are priced at \$6.00 + tax; Long-sleeve shirts \$9.00 + tax; Sweatshirts are 11.00 + tax, unless ordered in 2XL, 3XL, and 4XL sizes.

**The design patterns available for shirts this year are shown below.**

## **"ANIMALS 1"**



## **"ANIMALS 2"**



## **"EARTH"**



Each shirt will also have the Village of Weston logo on the left sleeve so that you can boast your community's support for the environment and Earth Day.



We must receive your order by **Thursday, March 10, 2005**. The shirts should be available for **you to pick up** on Friday, April 15 at the Village of Weston Municipal Center, 5500 Schofield Avenue. For questions call 359-6114. Show your support for the Environment and Village!

⇒ IF THE VILLAGE WERE TO PERSONALIZE THE SCREEN PRINTS WITH WESTON LANDSCAPES, WOULD YOU BE INCLINED TO PAY EXTRA FOR THE INCREASED COST?      YES      NO

For greater details, log on to our website, [www.westonwisconsin.org](http://www.westonwisconsin.org), then double click on link for "Earth Day Shirts". For more information about earth day go to <http://earthday.envirolink.org/history.html>

SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR THE ORDER FORM OR ACCESS THE FORM FROM OUR WEB SITE.

# VILLAGE OF WESTON T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

([www.westonwisconsin.org](http://www.westonwisconsin.org) - Then double click on link for "Earth Day Shirts")

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL OR DROP OFF FORM WITH PAYMENT BY THURSDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> AT:**

VILLAGE OF WESTON  
 RE: EARTH DAY SHIRTS  
 5500 SCHOFIELD AVENUE  
 WESTON, WI 54476

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "VILLAGE OF WESTON"  
 SHIRTS MUST BE PAID FOR AT TIME OF ORDER AND ALL SALES ARE FINAL  
 DUE TO THE DISTRIBUTOR.**

**THE SIZES INCLUDE:**

CHILDREN'S XS (FITS AVERAGE 4-YEAR OLD); L (FITS AVERAGE 10-YEAR OLD); ADULT S,M,L,XL (ADD \$2 FOR 2X, \$3 FOR 3X, \$4 FOR 4X)

**TS = T-Shirt, LS = Long Sleeve, S = Sweatshirt**

Shirt Size	Animals 1			Animals 2			Earth			Total	
	TS \$6.00	LS \$9.00	S \$11.00	TS \$6.00	LS \$9.00	S \$11.00	TS \$6.00	LS \$9.00	S \$11.00		
<b>Number Ordered</b>										\$	
Child's XS							N/A	N/A	N/A	\$	
Child's S							N/A	N/A	N/A	\$	
Child's M										\$	
Child's L										\$	
Adult S										\$	
Adult M										\$	
Adult L										\$	
Adult XL										\$	
Adult 2XL (+ \$2.00)										\$	
Adult 3XL (+ \$3.00)										\$	
Adult 4XL (+ \$4.00)		N/A			N/A			N/A		\$	
										<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	\$
										<b>TAX (0.055) X SUB TOTAL</b>	\$
										<b>GR. TOTAL</b>	\$



TS



LS



S