Wind Meadows Corporation News



2026

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Wind Meadows Residents,

Happy October! The leaves are changing, the temperatures are dropping, and pumpkins, ghosts, and goblins are starting to appear around Wind Meadows.

A big thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the pool over Labor Day weekend. It was great to see so many neighbors enjoying those last days of summer together and closing out another pool season.

Now we trade swimsuits and sunscreen for sweaters, falling leaves, and Halloween fun. I always enjoy seeing the creativity around Wind Meadows this time of year, and I'm sure our trick-or-treaters do too!

A special thank you to our residents who volunteer their time and talents by serving on our committees and Board. Your willingness to get involved and give back helps make Wind Meadows a great place to live.

Enjoy the fall colors, say hello to a neighbor, eat a little too much Halloween candy, and soak up these last nice Wisconsin days before the snow shovels come out of hiding!

Happy Fall!

Marci Boucher, WMC President

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Out of Office in OCT 22nd and OCT 23rd

BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Monday, Oct 19, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM on Zoom Only

Join Zoom Meeting (Video): https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83249305187?pwd=fHQeco7R780szoapvdUgsEdVGe46iV.1

Meeting ID: 832 4930 5187

Passcode: 318074

Join Zoom Meeting (Audio):
Dial: 1-646-558-8656

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POKEWEED-BE CAREFUL!

We want to share some important information regarding **pokeweed**, a large, highly toxic weed to people and pets that can quickly take over landscape beds and fence lines.

Please review the guide below to help identify, safely handle, and permanently eradicate this plant on your property.

How to Identify Pokeweed

1. Size & Stems: Grows 4 to 10 feet tall with smooth, thick stems that turn a bright purple-red or magenta color as it matures.

2. Leaves & Flowers: Large, alternate green leaves with dangling clusters of small white-to-green flowers blooming from June to September.

3. Berries: Drooping clusters of dark purple-to-black berries filled with crimson juice in late summer and fall.

Roots: A thick, fleshy, massive white taproot that can grow up to the size of a bowling ball.

Toxicity and Safety Warnings

1. Highly Poisonous: All parts of the plant—especially the roots and mature berries—are toxic to humans, dogs, cats, and livestock.

2. Symptoms: Ingestion can cause severe vomiting, diarrhea, drooling, and cramping.

Safe Handling: Always wear gloves when pulling or cutting pokeweed just as you would if it was poison ivy, as the plant juices of pokeweed can cause severe skin irritation,.



How to Eradicate Pokeweed Permanently

To stop pokeweed from returning, you must completely destroy its massive taproot and prevent it from dropping seeds.

1. Physical Removal **(Spring to Early Summer**): The best time to dig up pokeweed is early in the season before it blooms or develops berries. You must dig out the entire root. A mature root can easily resprout from any fragments left behind in the soil.

2. The Cut-Stump Chemical Method (**Late Summer/Fall**): If the plant is too large to dig up, use a targeted approach to protect surrounding vegetation. Cut the main stalk near the ground using loppers. **Immediately paint or apply concentrated glyphosate or triclopyr herbicide directly onto the freshly cut stump**. The root will absorb the chemical and die completely over the next few weeks.



TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS

The courts will remain open until October 15th. Sadly, Tennis court 1 and 3 are already closed for the season for safety reasons.

Friendly reminders:

1. If you see that the garbage can on the court post is full on your court, please take a minute to empty it into the garbage dumpster outside of the gate.
2. If you invite guests, please be sure that they drop their $3 guest fee in the box or scan the QR code to make this payment at the gate. If you owe the guest box money, please catch up this month. This money helps support the maintenance, supplies, and reservation systems costs.
3. Players please know that your enthusiasm brings joy and the sound of summer play to all BUT it also carries quite clearly to the homes that share the courts as their backyards. Please do your best to refrain from using foul language and/or from shouting at fellow players. Keep your fun to a low roar and enjoy!
4. Reservations for a court can be made at: https://wmctennis.skedda.com The Tennis Court Reservations link is also posted on the Home page under "Quick Links" on the windmeadows.org website.

JOHN'S DISPOSALSERVICE, INC.

All trash must be in a secure and sanitary container and may be placed outside no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the night before scheduled pickup. Containers must be stored out of sight the same day following pickup. **Recycling collection** is every other Monday unless the Monday is a holiday. The October recycling days are: Monday, Oct 12th and Monday, Oct 26th

For more information contact John's Disposal at (262) 473-4700.

Reminder: It has been reported that containers are going out earlier and earlier each week. Please do not place containers out earlier than 6 pm on Sunday unless will be out of town.



HESS and KROLL TREE DONATION

If you would like to donate to the "Hess or Kroll Tree Fund" to help WMC **replace trees on the WMC MainStreet berm, in memory of Nancy Hess and/or Jim Kroll,** please make a donation.

Please mark Hess and/or Kroll Tree Fund in the memo of your check.

Send a check payable to Wind Meadows and mail to Wind Meadows

C/O WPI

6939 Mariner Drive

Racine, WI 53406





DO NOT DROP YOUR DOGGIE BAG FULL OF TREATS INTO A TRASH CAN THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU!

ADVERTSE IN THE NEWSLETTER

If you area a WMC resident and would like to advertise your business, club, idea, etc. and reach more than 350 people in the Wind Meadows Community, please contact the office at wmc@wpiracine.com. The Board approved a quarterly $40 fee for up to a half page space in the Wind Meadows monthly newsletter.

We are preparing for another season of tours at the Wind Point Lighthouse! Public tours will take place on the following dates:

LAST ONE OF THE YEAR:

- Sunday, Oct 4- 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

The cost for tower climbs is $12 for adults and $6.00 for children (Ages 6-11). Walk-ups are welcome; however, we recommend that you pre-purchase tickets in advance to make sure that you secure a spot. Pre-purchase tickets can be found on Eventbrite.



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Wind Point Public Works collects branches from residents for disposal on **the SECOND TUESDAY of OCTOBER.** Branch pick-up does not include leaves, weeds, and other yard waste. **LAST ONE OF THE YEAR!**

Johns Disposal Service will pick up securely bundled yard waste, including brush that is no more than 50lbs, or 4ft long, or 6in in total bundled diameter. This service is available every other week beginning April 1, through the end of November. For information about yard waste collection please click here.

In order to provide this service efficiently, the following rules apply:

1. Branch collection is for tree maintenance (trimming branches) NOT tree removal. Property owners who have landscapers or other individuals cut down trees on their property are responsible for branch disposal.
2. Branches should not exceed 4 inches in diameter. Branches should be kept at their original length and not cut into smaller pieces.
3. Branches should be placed by the road in small, reasonably uniform piles. Piles should not exceed 4 feet in height and 4 feet in width. Pile branches with the cut end toward the road, all in the same direction.
4. Branch piles should be set out near the edge of the road away from mailboxes or other obstructions. Piles should be set out no earlier than the Saturday before collection day (72 hours). Piles set out too early or late can be tagged with a notice indicating the resident has 48 hours to remove the items. Tags will be noted with the date and time that they were placed. If branches are not removed within 48 hours as stated on the tag, a special collection will be arranged with Johns Disposal and the resident will be charged.
5. Stumps, vines, root balls, roots, rocks, brush, rubbish, construction material or metal will not be collected.
6. If collection cannot be completed on a given day, the remainder of the route will be completed the next work day (s). To maintain scheduled operations, we cannot “backtrack” to collect branches set out late.

Example of Accepted Branches:



Example of Not Accepted Branches:





Household Hazardous Waste

Racine Wastewater Utility 2026 Collection Event Information

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) are products used in your house, home garage, or residential garden/yard that can be flammable, corrosive, toxic and harmful to you and the environment if they are not handled properly.

How do you identify HHW Products?

Read the product label. If the product label contains any of the following words, then the product is hazardous:

- Toxic
- Flammable
- Corrosive/Caustic
- Reactive
- Poison
- Volatile Inflammable
- Combustible
- Explosive/Reactive
- Danger
- Caution
- Warning
- Harmful Solvents (item contains)

Why Should I Be Concerned?

Improper disposal of hazardous products such as pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, of placing them in the trash pollutes our environment and poses a threat to human & animal health.

Why does HHW require special handling/disposal?

Certain types of HHW have the potential to cause physical injury to sanitation workers, contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems. They can also present hazards to children and pets.

Where are the HHW Collection Events Held?

Only those that reside in the City of Racine (zip codes 53401-53408) and Villages of Caledonia, Elmwood Park, Mount Pleasant, North Bay, Sturtevant and Wind Point may participate. Racine Wastewater Utility's HHW Collection Events are located at: 6200 21st Street, Racine



If you reside outside the utility service area, please contact your Village or Town Hall for disposal options in your area.

When Are the HHW Collection Events Held?

Every 3rd Saturday, April - October, 2026
8:00 a.m. Until 1:00 p.m.

- Saturday, April 18, 2026
- Saturday, May 16, 2026
- Saturday, June 20, 2026
- Saturday, July 18, 2026
- Saturday, August 15, 2026
- Saturday, September 19, 2026
- Saturday, October 17, 2026