

# Williams Bay Voter Information and Local Office Candidate Profiles

April 2, 2024  
Spring Election





# **Village of Williams Bay**

## **April 2, 2024**

### **Election information**

#### **In-Person Absentee Voting Dates/Times**

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Tuesday March 19, 2024

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday March 20, 2024

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Thursday March 21, 2024

9:00 am - 11:30 pm

Friday March 22, 2024

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Monday, March 25, 2024

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Thursday, March 28, 2024

9:00 am - 4:30pm

#### **Where to Vote In- Person Absentee**

In-Person Absentee Voting is  
held in the Council Room  
located at:

Village Hall  
250 Williams Street  
Williams Bay, WI 53191

#### **Where to Vote On Election Day**

##### **Polling Place Location:**

**Lions Field House**

**310 Elkhorn Road**

**Williams Bay, WI 53191**

**Polls Open at 7:00 AM**

**Polls Close at 8:00 PM**

#### **Become an Election Inspector**

To inquire about becoming an  
Election Inspector, please contact the  
Village Clerk (262-245-2700,  
[clerk@vi.williamsbay.wi.gov](mailto:clerk@vi.williamsbay.wi.gov)) or visit  
the Clerk's Office at Village Hall (250  
Williams Street, Williams Bay).

Election Inspectors facilitate the right  
to vote and maintain order at the  
polls on Election Day. They ensure  
that our elections are open, fair,  
impartial, and trusted. One of the  
most rewarding ways to become  
involved in the election process is to  
become an Election Inspector.

# Need more information?

## How to Register to Vote

**1. Online:** You may register to vote online at [myvote.wi](http://myvote.wi) ONLY if you have a valid, unexpired Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin ID, and your address on file with the DMV matches the address at which you are registering to vote. If the DMV does not have your current address on file, update your address on the DMV website before updating your voter registration at [myvote.wi](http://myvote.wi).

**2. By Mail:** Registration forms are available on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website in English, Spanish, and Hmong. To register to vote by mail, download, print and complete the application and mail the form to the Village Clerk's office (PO Box 250 Williams Bay, WI 53191) with your Proof of Residency document. The registration form must be postmarked at least 20 days before the election. Registration CANNOT be completed until Proof of Residency documentation is provided.

**3. In-Person:** Visit the Village Clerk's Office located at Village Hall (250 Williams St.) up until the Friday before an election.

**4. On Election Day:** Register to vote at your polling place on election day.

## How to Vote Absentee

You can request an absentee ballot by visiting [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) or by completing the application which is available at Village Hall and returning it to the Village Clerk.

## What Can I Expect at the Polls

### Provide copy of valid photo ID:

- Wisconsin driver license\*
- WI DOT-issued photo ID card\*
- U.S. passport\*
- Military ID card\*
- Certificate of naturalization issued within last 2 years
- Unexpired Wisconsin driver license or state ID receipt
- ID card issued by a Native American Tribe, regardless of expiration
- ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college—must contain issuance date, student signature, and expiration date within 2 years of issuance. If the ID is expired, proof of current enrollment is also required.
- Unexpired Veterans Affairs ID card

### Be Prepared to:

- Say your name out loud
- Sign your name on the poll list (unless you have a disability that prevents you from physically being able to sign your name)

## Who to contact for more information

**Tina Kolls, Village Clerk**  
**250 Williams Street**  
**Williams Bay, WI 53191**  
**262-245-2700**

**[clerk@vi.williamsbay.wi.gov](mailto:clerk@vi.williamsbay.wi.gov)**



**Official Ballot**  
**Presidential Preference Vote**  
**Nonpartisan Office and Referendum**  
**April 2, 2024**

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions	Presidential Preference Vote	Judicial
<p>If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).</p> <p>To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: <input type="radio"/></p> <p>To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>Choose a party in which to vote</b></p> <p>Fill in the oval next to your party choice, like this: <input type="radio"/> Choose only ONE</p>	<p><b>Circuit Court Judge Branch 1</b> Vote for 1</p>
	<p><input type="radio"/> Democratic</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Estee E. Scholtz</p>
	<p><input type="radio"/> Republican</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Peter M. Navis</p>
	<p><b>Democratic Party Primary</b></p> <p><i>If you vote in this party's primary, you may not vote in any other party's primary.</i></p>	<p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>
<p><b>Presidential Preference Vote</b></p> <p><b>In the Presidential Preference Vote:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You may vote for only ONE candidate.</li><li>You may vote in only ONE party.</li><li>If you choose a party, votes cast in that party will be counted. Votes cast in any other party will not be counted.</li><li>If you do not choose a party, and you vote in more than one party, no votes will be counted.</li></ul>	<p><b>President of the United States</b> Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Joe Biden</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dean Phillips</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Uninstructed Delegation</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	<p><b>County</b></p> <p><b>County Supervisor District 7</b> Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Joanne T. Laufenberg</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Skip Mosshamer</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>
<p><b>Special Instructions for Presidential Preference Vote</b></p> <p><b>Choose the party in which you will vote.</b> Within the party you have chosen, you will have ONE of three choices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot in the party you have chosen.</li><li>Vote for an uninstructed delegation from Wisconsin to the national convention of the party you have chosen.</li><li>Write in the name of another person to become the presidential candidate of the party you have chosen.</li></ol> <p><b>Fill in ONE oval in ONE party.</b></p>	<p><b>STOP End Democratic Party Primary</b></p> <p><b>Republican Party Primary</b></p> <p><i>If you vote in this party's primary, you may not vote in any other party's primary.</i></p> <p><b>President of the United States</b> Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chris Christie</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Vivek Ramaswamy</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ron DeSantis</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Nikki Haley</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Donald Trump</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Uninstructed Delegation</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><b>STOP End Republican Party Primary</b></p> <p><b>STOP End Presidential Preference Vote</b></p>	<p><b>Municipal</b></p> <p><b>Village Trustee</b> Vote for not more than 3</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lowell Wright</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Adam Jaramillo</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Robert Umans</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>

Presidential Preference Vote begins at top of next column.

Nonpartisan offices begin at top of next column.

Continue voting on back of ballot.



School District	Referendum	Referendum (cont.)
Williams Bay School District School Board Member Vote for 1	To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: <input type="radio"/> To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: <input type="radio"/>	<b>School</b> Question: Shall the School District of Williams Bay, Walworth County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,250,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, by \$1,500,000 for the 2025-2026 school year, and by \$1,750,000 for the 2026-2027 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of ongoing operational expenses, including to maintain small class sizes?
<input type="radio"/> Ed Nichols	<b>State</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes
<input type="radio"/> write-in:	<b>QUESTION 1: "Use of private funds in election administration.</b> Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?"	<input type="radio"/> No
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
	<input type="radio"/> No	
	<b>QUESTION 2: "Election officials.</b> Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?"	
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
	<input type="radio"/> No	

Continue voting at top of next column.	Continue voting at top of next column.	<b>For Official Use Only</b>	
<b>Official Ballot</b> <b>Presidential Preference Vote</b> <b>Nonpartisan Office and</b> <b>Referendum</b> <b>April 2, 2024</b> <b>for</b>  Village of Williams Bay, Wards 1-4 Williams Bay Walworth County  Ballot ID: 6690	<b>Ballot issued by</b>  Initials of election inspectors	<b>Inspectors:</b> Identify ballots required to be remade: <input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
	<b>Absentee Ballot issued by</b>  Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk		
	 If issued by SVDs, both must initial		
	<b>Certification of Voter Assistance</b> I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.  Signature of assistor	If this is the <b>Original Ballot</b> , write the serial number here:  	If this is the <b>Duplicate Ballot</b> , write the serial number here:  
		Initials of inspectors who remade ballot	

# Meet the Candidates

Running for  
Village Trustee 2024

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Lowell Wright



Adam Jaramillo



Robert Umans



## Lowell Wright, Candidate for Williams Bay Village Trustee – April 2024

I am honored by the trust that Williams Bay residents have placed in me to serve as a Village Trustee for the past four years. I seek your vote this April for another term. My reason for seeking office is best explained in the word “serve”. I view my role as one who helps Village government make decisions that best serve our community. Local government is important; it makes decisions that affect our day-to-day lives.

In addition to serving on the Village Board, I have been chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee for the past two years and also sit on the Parks and Lakefront Committee and the Building, Zoning and Ordinances Committee. I’m also a member of the Williams Bay Plan Commission.

I believe I have the time, energy, skills and experience to listen and lead. I want to maintain what we like about the Bay and find affordable solutions to things we would like to change.

### Some Personal Items

- I am married to Ruth, my wife of 43 years. We have four children and eight grandchildren, scattered all over our country and, sometimes, other countries as well. Our family has owned property here in the Bay for nearly 80 years. Ruth and I have lived here seasonally for more than 40 years and full time for the past nine years. This has given me a good sense of what living here means for me, my family and for all the residents I’ve met.
- As a member of Delavan Christian Reformed Church, I strive for my faith to be reflected in who I am and how I act.
- I am a member of the Williams Bay Lions Club. I volunteer at Open Arms Free Clinic, at the Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter and Meals on Wheels. I serve on the Board of the Walworth County Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Williams Bay continues to be progressive with its engaged, educated residents. It has many active, vibrant organizations which work to preserve our beautiful lake, KNC, our parks, schools and businesses – our quality of life. During my last term our local government made changes to maintain the character and attributes of the Village. We implemented a plan to provide timely professional EMS services, thanks to our voters. This partnership plan for EMS with Fontana is working well. We’ve seen reconstruction of Highway 67 and all of its infrastructure. A new dog park opened. New tennis and pickleball courts will open this Spring along Theatre Road.

I ask myself what I’ve learned from this experience and come up with several things. First, it’s not easy and, second, it’s not quick. There are many inter-related moving parts that must be balanced. But, it’s doable by ordinary people who are willing to listen, learn, be persistent when it’s important, be patient, and, finally, decide.

There will continue to be situations that challenge the balance between growth/renewal and the attributes of this Village that we like. I am confident that our governmental processes, the discipline afforded by our ordinances, citizen input and experienced developers will continue to enhance our Village’s viability. My obligation as Trustee is to work with others in providing tangible actions to preserve, protect and develop.

I would be honored by your vote on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. I welcome your input at any time. Please see my Facebook page, Lowell for Williams Bay Trustee 2024 for further information and my contact information.

## Candidate Profile – Rob Umans

It has been an honor to serve as your Village Trustee for the past four years. I have chaired the Water and Sewer committee for these four years and currently also serve on the Finance and Personnel, Parks and Lakefront and Zoning Board of Appeals committees. I also represented Williams Bay for the last three years as a director on the GLEA (Geneva Lake Environmental Agency) board.

On Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, I held my first Water & Sewer Town Hall Informational meeting at the Village Hall. This was done to update the Williams Bay residents on the Water and Sewer infrastructure projects in process as well as planned in future years. Below is a summary of the materials presented.

- **2020 - 2021** Developed a Capital Improvement program for both Water and Sewer through 2030. Repainted the Theatre Road 500,000-gallon water tower tank on the inside and outside. Applied for a Water rate increase through the PSC (Public Service Commission) and updated many Water and Sewer studies and reports giving us the then status of water mains, water towers, water plant and lime reactor, sewer lift stations, capacities for both Water pumping as well as Sewer lift stations.
- **2022** PSC granted a 15% Water Rate increase, or approximately \$3.50 increase per month, per resident. This was the first increase since 1985. We put together a Digital Map of Historical Water mains breaks. The Village secured financing for \$8.4 million dollars (Water \$5.6, Sewer \$2.8 million) to cover the first projects listed Phase 1 of Water and Sewer. I especially want to mention that we also started the Chlorination Improvement and Design study per DNR request to address a slowly increasing ammonia infiltration in our aquifer. Impact fees: We addressed and updated our Impact fees (water) rates from 1992. The fees increased from approximately \$700 to \$3,150.
- **2023** We finished Route 67 (Elkhorn Road) new water mains and new 12" (replacing 8") sewer pipes. Water plant out of flood zone study. We were able to prove to SEWRPC (South East Wisconsin Regional Planning Agency) that the water plant was incorrectly listed in a flood zone, saving the Village millions in relocating the water plant. Sewer: Harris Road (#3) lift station and Force Main Planning and Design study. This lift station is at capacity when heavier than normal precipitation events, or spring snow melts. 2023 was also a successful year lining some of our sewer pipes as well as locating and fixing breaks and holes in our sewer lines. Public Works has done an outstanding job reducing water infiltrations. This resulted in lower volumes going to WalCoMet, thereby reducing our annual bill by approximately \$80,000. This is an ongoing project in 2024 and beyond. It is also well worth mentioning that particularly in 2022 and 2023, our Utility Clerck and Public Works concentrated on finding faulty inaccurate water meters. Several hundred meters were replaced in 2023 alone, which resulted in more accurate readings and therefore increased water revenue.
- **2024** Lime reactor Cleaning/repair and Painting was finished in January. Well 2 pump will be replaced in June 2024. A water Plant Improvement Project (new pumps, chlorination equipment) is to start this Fall, with completion of summer of 2025. We plan to pull the pump in well 3 the Fall of 2025. The Harris Road new lift station project is projected to start this Fall.
- **2025 - 2030** We need to upgrade Lift station #5 Conference Point, before the new Women's Leadership Center and the new Williams Bay Preserve are operational. Upper and Lower Loch Vista new water mains and hydrants are currently planned for Fall 2025. We need to get the design in 2024 for new Water mains Rt. 67 East-West in the year 2027, upgrade the water plant's pumping capacity and install a new 500,000 water tank to replace the 3 smaller tanks currently in use. On the sewer side, we will have seven lift stations in need of various upgrades.

My wife Mary and I moved to Williams Bay in June 2017. We absolutely love it here and we are so glad that we can make positive contributions to our community. I am really looking forward to a third term as a Trustee and continuing to improve our aging Water and Sewer infrastructure.

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued support and encouragement. It is greatly appreciated.

Rob Umans