



THE BAY QUARTERLY

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2022





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Meetings

Meetings monthly, or as noted, at Village Hall. 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 Offices.....(262) 245-2700
Becky Tobin, Administrator
Jackie Pankau-Daniels, Clerk
Lori Peternell, Treasurer
Cynthia Stanek, Utility Clerk/Admin Assistant
Building Inspector Office.....ext. 415
Bonnie Schaeffer, Zoning Administrator...ext. 407

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) 686-8001

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

Court Clerk.....(262) 245-2634

SAVE THE DATES:

July 2: Pancake Breakfast

July 16: Chicken Roast

July 30-31: Fine Arts & Crafts Fest

August 12-14: Corn & Brat Fest

October 8: Car Show



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Williams Bay fireworks are truly one of the most anticipated traditions of the summer in Walworth County. It is certainly one of the best shows you will find in the Geneva Lakes area!



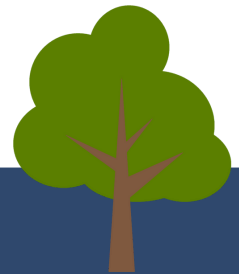
This year's spectacular fireworks display is scheduled for **Saturday, August 13, 2022**, which coincides with the Lion's Corn and Brat Fest at Edgewater Park. While your Village sponsors the fireworks display, the funding for this event is obtained solely through donations from you!

We have set our fundraising goal at \$25,000.00 to ensure the Bay's fireworks are the premier event on the lake. We are excited that we have raised \$19,000.00 so far and are asking for your help to reach our \$25,000.00 goal.



If you have already sent in a donation, we thank you very much! If not, please consider sending a donation today to continue the tradition of Williams Bay having the best fireworks display on the lake. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to seeing you!

Your contribution today will light up the Bay!



TREE REMOVAL PERMITS

According to Section 331-2 of the Village of Williams Bay Municipal Code of Ordinances, Tree Removal Permits are required for all protected trees, which are: any tree 8 inches or more in DBH and trees of any size that are located on Village owned property, planted as part of an approved landscaping plan, located within shoreland set-back area and/or designated as a Landmark Tree. Tree Removal Permits are \$50.00 for the removal of the first 1-5 trees, plus \$10.00 for each additional tree removed. Removal of more than 30% of the existing trees on a lot ("clear cutting") requires approval through a Conditional Use Permit or Planned Development Zoning. **Failure to obtain a permit will result in doubling the initial cost.**



Save lives in your community! The Williams Bay Rescue Squad is seeking dedicated individuals who would be interested in becoming Volunteer EMT's. Volunteers will be compensated an hourly rate plus all schooling will be paid. Must be at least 18 years of age at time of certification. Attendance at monthly meetings and Hospital training is required.



For more information, contact EMS Captain Gluth at williamsbayems@gmail.com.

ELECTION NEWS



NEXT ELECTION:
August 9, 2022

Polling Place

Lion's Field House
310 Elkhorn Road, Williams Bay, WI 53191

Polling Place Hours

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

What's On My Ballot?

Partisan Primaries for:

Governor
Attorney General
Secretary of State
State Treasurer
United States Senator Class III
Representative in Congress District 1
State Senator District 11
Representative to the Assembly District 31
Walworth County Sheriff
Walworth County Clerk of Circuit Court

NO VOTING OR REGISTERING AFTER AUGUST 5TH!

If you need to Register to Vote, please do so before August 5th if possible. You may register at the Polling Place on Election Day if needed. You can register to vote online at myvote.wi.gov, or in-person at Village Hall. There is to be no In-Person Absentee voting after August 5th.

Have Your ID Ready!

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

Other Ways to Vote

- Receive your ballot by mail: Wisconsin voters can receive an absentee ballot by mail. If you would like to vote in the 2022 Partisan Primary Election, submit your request for an absentee ballot by August 4, 2022.
- Vote absentee in-person at Village Hall: July 26th - August 5th. You can vote an absentee ballot in person at Village Hall Mondays-Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00am-4:30pm and Thursdays 9:00am-11:30am during these dates.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Oh how we love summer in the Bay! It is great to see everyone enjoying their time by the lake, renting Kayaks from the Recreation Department, taking strolls through our Farmer's Market every Friday, and visiting our local stores and ice cream shops! Please take a look at a couple points I would like to make about the coming months as we cruise into summer!



The Village of Williams Bay does NOT allow golf carts on public roads. Low Speed Vehicles (LSVs) are legal forms of transportation. The differences between a golf cart and a low-speed vehicle are very minute but can be found on the Wisconsin DOT website under "LSV vehicles."



This is a friendly reminder that "Resident Parking Only" is currently in effect in signed areas. If you do receive a parking citation, your citation must be paid within 72 hours so as not to accrue an additional fee.



In the unfortunate event that you are involved in an automobile crash, the officer will give you a business card with his/her contact information. On the back of the card are instructions for accessing your report online. The police department no longer releases crash reports through our department. Going through crashreports.wi.gov is the only option. Crash reports are typically available within 48-72 hours. If the crash occurs over the weekend, it could take a little bit longer. If you have questions about the status of your report, you can reach out directly to the officer via the contact information on the business card.



Around this time each year, we receive calls concerning waterfowl. Please remember you are not allowed to feed the birds as this can make them aggressive. Adults and children alike should not approach the waterfowl. We had concerns last year that children were seen throwing objects at the birds. Maltreatment of animals is a crime. If you see anything that needs to be reported, do so immediately by calling or texting the DNR at 1-800-847-9367.



Each summer, traffic increases between cars and pedestrians. We ask that you use extreme caution when driving, walking, or biking Williams Bay. Please be respectful and patient so that we can have a successful and harm free summer.



It's the time of year again when boat launch traffic can become backed up. Please be patient with boat launch attendants as well as any police officers that are working the area. We work diligently to make sure everyone gets a fair opportunity to get their boat launched in a timely manner as well as getting non-boating traffic moving. This may require boat traffic to make a couple laps around the area in order to keep traffic flowing.

I look forward to seeing you all out and about this summer, stay safe!
Chief Timm

Williams Bay

Recreation Department



Office located At Lakefront next to Boat Launch
Open 7 days a week 8am-4pm until Labor Day
262-686-8001 | rec@williamsbay.org | wbrecdept.com

Kayak and Paddle Board Rentals

Open 7 days a week 8am-4pm

Resident Rental Rates:

Kayak Tandem- 1 hour \$20

Kayak Single- 1 hour \$15

Stand Up Paddle Board- 1 hour \$15

Non -resident Rental Rates:

Kayak Tandem- 1 hour \$30

Kayak Single- 1 hour \$25

Stand Up Paddle Board- 1 hour \$25

55 AND OLDER POTLUCK

July 28 6-8pm & August 25 6-8pm

- Location Lions Club Field House
- \$5 per Person
- Please RSVP by July 20th & August 18th

Zumba with Megan Rhea

Saturday Mornings 9-10am

Wednesday Nights 5:45-6:45pm

Located at Lions Club Field House

Williams Bay Flag Football 5k-5th Grade

Registration Deadline:

August 1st

Practices start:

August 8th

Cost:

5k & 1st Grade - \$15

2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade - \$50



Tai Chi

Monday evenings 5:30-6:45 pm

Tuesday mornings 10-11 am

All classes will take place at

Williams Bay Lions Club Field House

Classes cost \$30 per month for one class per week and \$40 per month for two classes per week

Colored Pencil Class with Sandy

Due to popular demand, local artist Sandy Willie will offer two sessions this fall.

Classes are offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9- 11 a.m.

beginning the week of September 19th. Location: Lions Club Field House

Kids camps:

Shark Week

July 12 & 13 9-11am

Discover Wisconsin 2 Day Camp

July 26 & 27 9-11am

Last Hurrah August 9, 10 & 11
9-11am



BARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Need Delivery?

Do you have trouble getting to the library? We are now offering **FREE** library pick up and delivery! Call for more details.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS 2022 Summer Schedule

Mon
Movie Matinee-1:30

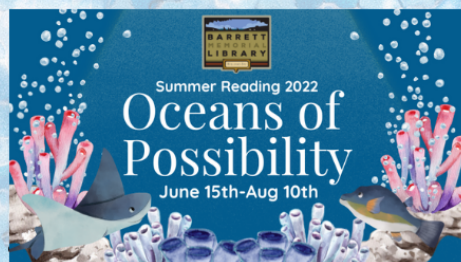
Tues
Legos & Beads-1:30

Wed
StoryTime-10AM

Thurs
Craft Club/
StoryWagon-1:30

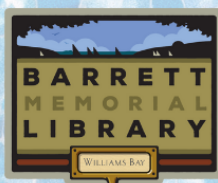
Fri
Farmer's Market
8:30-1

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



CHILDREN AND TEENS:
TRACK YOUR READING &
PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITY
CHALLENGES!

ADULTS:
READ A BOOK, GET A TICKET,
WIN A PRIZE!



Special Events!



READ BETWEEN THE WINES
3:00 - 5:00

JULY 13TH @ KISHWAUKETOE
AUGUST 17TH @ GREEN GROCER
SEPTEMBER 21ST @ LUCKE'S



SUNSHINE AND STORIES
@ 10:00 A.M.

JULY 1ST @ VETERINS PARK IN DELAVAN
JULY 15TH @ KISHWAUKETOE IN THE BAY
JULY 29TH @ VETERINS PARK IN DELAVAN
AUGUST 5TH @ KISHWAUKETOE IN THE BAY
AUGUST 19TH @ VETERINS PARK IN DELAVAN



STORIES N' S'MORES
@ 6:00 P.M.

JULY 8TH @ KISHWAUKETOE
AUGUST 12TH @ KISHWAUKETOE

BOOK SALES @ THE LIBRARY!

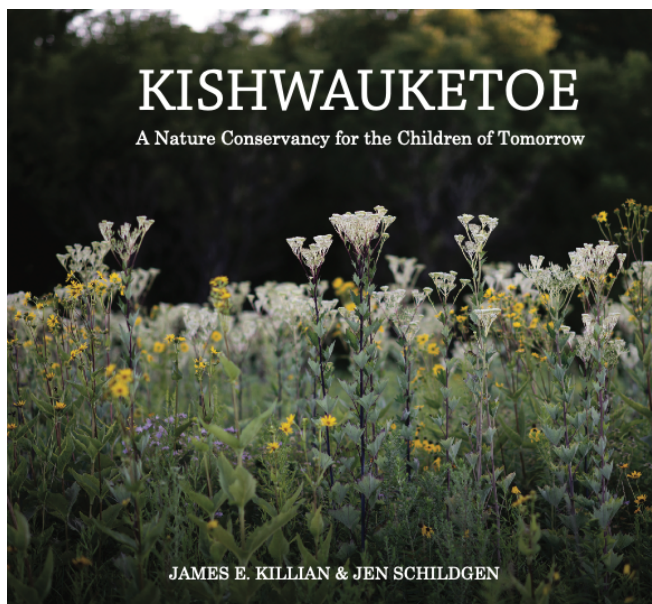
JULY 7TH - 9TH
AUGUST 9TH - 6TH



**NEVER
STOP
READING**

KISHWAUKETOE NATURE CONSERVANCY (KNC)

KISHWAUKETOE BOOK RELEASED MARCH 4, 2022



"Jim Killian and Jen Schildgen wrote, illustrated, and photographed a book into a work of art."

"It's quite informative and beautiful - much more than I expected! It is really well-done."

"The Kishwauketoe book is first rate!"

In the fall of 2018 Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy volunteer, board member and master naturalist Jim Killian and local professional photographer/graphic designer Jen Schildgen partnered to begin compiling the deep history and story of the Conservancy. Through research of historical documents, review of literature and the writings of others, and the use of photography, artwork and other imagery, the result of this collaboration is *"Kishwauketoe: A Nature Conservancy for the Children of Tomorrow"*. The Friends of Kishwauketoe were very generous in supporting this initiative by raising the funds required to cover the full cost of publication. This 256-page full-color coffee table book is available for purchase through a number of local retail outlets, as well as the Williams Bay Barrett Memorial Library and Village Hall. The book is also available for purchase from the Friends of Kishwauketoe's website at www.friendsofknc.org. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the book will go toward continuing restoration and maintenance efforts at Kishwauketoe.

"Kishwauketoe represents the beauty of what happens when a community of like-minded individuals come together to protect the future and honor the past of something greater than the present. It is a treasure, a haven for wildlife and humans alike: A place where feet kiss the earth, and souls meet the sky." - Jen Schildgen

"Planting a native tree or shrub is an act of faith. Hundreds of acts of faith now grow and thrive on this land after being rescued from abandonment and endless development efforts." - Jim Killian

"Thank you for supporting Kishwauketoe and the publication of this book!" - Jim Killian and Jen Schildgen

Bulldog Buzz

CLASS OF 2022 ACADEMIC HONORS

Summa Cum Laude

Caden Binger	Travis Johnson*	Monica Paur	Joshua Rolfs
Collin Kuiper*	Sofia Lauten	Nolan Peyer*	Annastasia Sanchez
Owen Johnson	Cole Ortel	Anns Rolfs*	Addison Vlastnik

*National Honor Society Member

Magna Cum Laude

Keira King	Taylor Johnson	Connor Pecht	Mannat Toor
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Cum Laude

Kelsey Amstutz	Eoin Henry	Lauren Peck	Chloe Schlesner
Cole Birkett	Aidan Hoover	Adriana Ramirez-Navarro	Asshley Toro
Freesia Bornstein	Landon Palmer	Elimarie Ramos	Alia Woss
Emily Gauger			

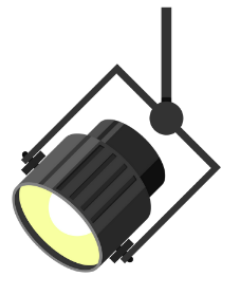


Congratulations
Class of 2022





Alumni Spotlight



Harold J. Friestad, Class of 1957

Tell us a little about yourself & your journey after graduation?

"I continued my education at Milton College, graduating in 1964. After graduation, my wife Cheryl (Siebert-also a Williams Bay graduate) and our son John, moved to Green Bay. While in Green Bay I worked on a management team at a new Sears Store. I also had the great pleasure of ushering at Packer games for three seasons, including the famous 1967 Ice Bowl."

"In early 1968, Russell and Bill Gage, SR asked me to take over as manager of Geneva Lake Cruise Line/Gage Marine. While in college, I had been a boat captain and I went on to have a wonderful career of 49 years at the cruise line.

During my time with the cruise line, I was able to see the business grow. When I started, there were seven boats and 18 employees who worked Memorial Day to Labor Day. When I retired, four more boats had been added including the Lady of the Lake, the Belle, a new Mailboat and the Duchess. Working from late March to Christmas were 110 employees which included my wife Cheryl, our children John, Michelle and Brian and our grandson, Connor.



Living in the wonderful Village of Williams Bay most of my life and my love of nature and our wonderful lake, my greatest adventure turned out to be running for Village President in



1987. As President and with a great deal of support from other board members and village residents, the beautiful, Kishwaukee Nature Conservancy was born. The conservancy preserves 231 acres of beautiful nature for all to enjoy throughout the year. The ultimate success is that we were able to continue our work, restoring this property for 32 years so far and have never used a penny of any tax dollars. All of our work is completed with donations, volunteers and a very small paid staff, mostly seasonal. This achievement has been so important in keeping the waters clean for all to enjoy as opposed to what impact a major development could have had.

At 82, I still love every minute of staying active running KNC and doing all I can, almost seven days a week, working along with all that have been part of keeping this project going."

"I have always been extremely pleased and proud that I went through the Williams Bay school system from kindergarten to 12th grade. The Williams Bay School District has always had such high standards and is a integral part of a wonderful community."

What fond memories do you have of Williams Bay School District?

What piece of advice would you give to current students about achieving their dreams & expanding their horizons?

"No matter what your interests and goals are in life, give it your all so you can get the most out of life. Always be sure to work with a very positive attitude with all your fellow employees, management, and family as this is what will make your life long achievements a success."



Community Volunteer Opportunities



The Williams Bay School District believes that each and every one of us has the ability to make a difference to our students. During the pandemic, we missed having our community partners in our buildings. Starting in September, we are excited to welcome back volunteers into our schools!!



Volunteering offers tangible ways to be part of things. Volunteering in our schools will provide a concrete way to get involved, whether it's helping run a big event or providing support in the classroom, there are always ways to help.



Volunteering is a manageable commitment that can be tailored to your strengths. Volunteering can seem daunting, but it does not have to be. Any time you have to give will always be appreciated. There are many ways to contribute, some of which are sure to compliment your strengths, interests,, or professional skills.



Volunteering provides a great way to get to know our schools and staff to better understand their needs and ideas.

For more information on being a volunteer, please call 262-245-1575 or email WWhite@WilliamsBaySchool.org





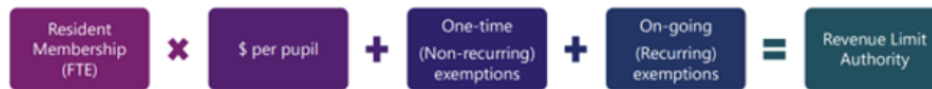
How Is Our School Funded?



K-12 funding in Wisconsin is a complicated topic. The high majority (over 75% for our district) of general fund revenue is determined by the revenue limit formula. This formula includes multiplying the district's membership (on a 3-year average) by a "per-pupil" amount. This amount started with the creation of the revenue limit formula in 1993 and has been in the past (but not always) increased by the state budget.

This per-pupil amount differs among school districts. Membership for the revenue limit is defined by resident students attending the district or open enrolling out to another public school district. The membership is converted to a full time equivalent (FTE) count, with 4K students and 3 year old special ed students counting as less than a 1.0 FTE.

In the revenue limit formula, after the 3-year membership average is multiplied by the per-pupil amount, exemptions are added. Some of the exemptions include a declining enrollment exemption, voucher exemptions and operating referendum exemptions that increase the revenue limit authority for districts. After the exemptions are added, a district has their total revenue limit authority. This is the amount the district can generate in spendable revenue.



This total revenue limit authority is then divided between state equalization aid (the state's largest aid to districts) and the local tax levy. The amount of state equalization aid a district receives is based on their total equalized property value divided by their membership. The higher this amount is, the less equalization aid a district receives and vice versa. Williams Bay School District has a very high property value per member, which means we receive very little equalization aid from the state. Almost all of our revenue limit authority is paid for with local taxes. Other districts may receive more from equalization aid. It is important to remember that equalization aid from the state does not increase total revenue but offsets the tax levy.

The revenue limit formula also determines the mill/tax rate, which is calculated by taking the total levy (general fund, community service and debt), dividing by the total equalized value of the district and multiplying by 1,000. We mentioned above that students that live in our district but attend another public district are included in our membership for revenue limit purposes. With those students, we also have a corresponding expense paid to their attending district. The amount we pay to the attending district is less than what we receive on the revenue limit by counting that student. For students that open enroll into the district, we receive the same funding amount for those students that open enroll out. In summary, the district receives funding for students that open enroll into the district, but it is less than what we receive in funding for a student that lives in the district.



The district receives some federal funding in the form of grants, but it is a very small percentage of our overall revenue. That has increased slightly recently with ESSER (Covid-relief) funds. Other annual federal grants include Title grants and IDEA grants for students with disabilities. The state also has special education aid, which covers approximately 25-30% of expenditures for students with disabilities not included in the IDEA grants. The remaining costs are covered with a transfer from the district's general fund. The district also has separate funds for food service, community service and debt. These other funds are all self-sustaining and surpluses are not allowed to be transferred to the general fund. For example, if the district has a surplus in their food service fund, they must use that surplus for future food service and not for general fund expenditures.

The Wisconsin school financing formula is complicated, so check back in the next newsletter to learn how Williams Bay School District's revenue limit authority is calculated and how the statewide fiscal challenges affect our district specifically.