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◆ COMMUNITY EVENTS

HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

For Children of All Ages
Saturday, October 28, 2017
Community Building



- ◆ Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate -5:00-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Pumpkin Judging - 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Costume Judging - 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Halloween Parade along Walking Path
Following Costume Judging

Residents are invited to attend the
Halloween Parade and distribute treats
along the Parade route.

DOOR-TO-DOOR TRICK-OR-TREAT



Tuesday, October 31, 2017

6:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.

Festivities sponsored by: Wolcott Lions Club,
Wolcott Progressive Club & Wolcott Main Street Committee

◆ GET INVOLVED

Wolcott Town Council - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Wolcott Town Hall

Wolcott Park Board - 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building

Remington-Wolcott Community Development Corporation

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. at the Tri-County School Corporation Office

Wolcott Summer Festival Committee - 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Wolcott Christian Church - ***WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER***

Wolcott Main Street - 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building

Wolcott Progressive Club - 1st Monday of the Month at 6:00 p.m. at Bell's Pizza

Anson Wolcott Historical Society

1st Monday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Wolcott House

◆ FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The Fire Chief would like to remind everyone that Fire Prevention Week is October 8th—14th. This is a great time to:

- check your furnace for gas leaks
- make sure your CO and Smoke Detectors are working; replace batteries
- **Did you know Smoke Detectors should be replaced every 10 years?**
- check fire extinguishers monthly and review how to use them and
- review emergency procedures, escape plans and meeting places.



◆ ANIMAL TAGS

Dogs and cats are licensed each calendar year at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Please bring your pet's current rabies vaccination record. The fee is \$3 for neutered pets and \$5 for non-neutered pets. Animal tags enable the town to identify the owner of a lost pet and to ensure the health and safety of the public.

◆ FROM THE COUNCILS' DESKS

People ask, why do you want to live in Wolcott, it's such a small town. My answer to them is always the same, that is exactly why I want to live here. It is a town where you can drive your golf cart or ride your bike and wave to your neighbors as you pass by and even stop for a visit in the yard if you want. It is a town where my son can safely ride his bike the two blocks to see his Grandma & Grandpa. He can also walk to the same school his Dad went to and see teachers that are still helping young minds grow to this day. It all comes down to, Wolcott is home.

Council Member, Tina Orns

◆ STICK, LIMB AND BRANCH COLLECTION

As a courtesy, the Wolcott Street Department will collect sticks, limbs and branches that have naturally fallen from trees, every Monday. A recent development in disposal availability is allowing the Town Council to review and revise the current stick, limb, and branch collection policy. This development will allow the Town to collect more than just naturally fallen tree debris as is the current policy. Specific criteria will be set forth for this collection and a Newsletter Addendum will be sent to all residents once the new policy is finalized and an Ordinance is established. Short term...when putting out sticks for collection, please neatly stack and lay your limbs all in one direction with the broken/cut ends facing the road in the easement...not in the street. It is still the responsibility of the homeowner to have remains of a tree trimming or bush(es) that have been trimmed by a tree removal company/contractor to have these items disposed of properly and not leave them for the Wolcott Street Department to collect and dispose of. **FINAL DETAILS FORTHCOMING... watch for the Newsletter Addendum in the mail.**



◆ LEAF VACUUMING

The Wolcott Street Department will vacuum leaves every Monday beginning the last week of October, throughout November and into December if needed, and weather permitting. There will be no doubling back for piles that appear after your street has been cleared of leaves. Please rake leaves in long rows to the street easement—that is the property between the sidewalk and the street. If you do not have a sidewalk, the leaves should be two feet from the street edge. Leaf piles should not be near or around objects such as mailboxes, stop signs, or telephone poles. These objects interfere with vacuuming. Any piles of leaves found with debris in it will be left for the resident to clear away. Debris includes sticks, brush, grass clippings, trash, etc.

◆ BLIGHT CLEARANCE PROJECT GRANT

The Town of Wolcott has been awarded \$160,464 from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for the clearance of the 129 W Market Street building.

◆ EMERGENCY SERVICES NOTICE



The Emergency Services that serve the Town of Wolcott and surrounding rural communities request that all owners display the address of homes, buildings and other structures in a conspicuous, well-lighted and non-obscured space on the building or structure. Wolcott Town Ordinance 94-1 requires ALL houses, buildings or structures located within the Town of Wolcott, Indiana to have the official address affixed in a clearly visible manner so that the address can be read from the street.

Please assist your Police, Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Departments to help you expeditiously.

◆ WATER IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT

The Town of Wolcott has been awarded a \$2.56 million dollar grant and approved for a \$2.13 million dollar loan from USDA Rural Development to improve our water system .

◆ DRIVEWAY PERMITS

Driveway permits are not required for residents living within the corporate bounds of the Town of Wolcott.

Please DO NOT flush wipes. They are NOT bio-degradable and will clog the sewer pumps. Even if they claim to be flushable, in most cases it will clog your plumbing and cause costly repairs.

Putting these items down your toilet may plug the sewer and cause raw sewage to back up into YOUR HOME.

No Wipes Down the Pipes

**Even if a products says it is “flushable”...
Unless it is toilet paper, it should not be**

- * Diapers (including cloth, cotton, disposable, or plastic)
- * Flushable, disposable, cleaning, or baby wipes

- * Paper towels, cloth towels, or any type of
- * Feminine hygiene products

- * Facial Tissues



◆ WINTER READINGS AND ESTIMATED BILLINGS

Winter weather is right around the corner and with that comes additional challenges when reading meters. If the temperature is below freezing and/or there is a substantial amount of snow on the ground, meter readings will be estimated. Estimations are figured by averaging the last 6 months of actual consumption.



◆ SNOW REMOVAL

The Town of Wolcott will plow snow when a minimum of 2” of snow has accumulated. The Town is not responsible for plowing the end of your driveway. The Town asks that if there is more than 2” of snow predicted to be mindful of on-street parking.

◆ NEW GOLF CART PERMIT

Golf cart permits are issued by the Clerk-Treasurer’s office. A golf cart permit application will need to be completed and evidence of insurance of the golf cart will need to be provided. An authorized representative will need to inspect your golf cart and upon approval and payment of the \$25.00 permit fee, a golf cart permit will be issued.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

- Laws that apply to operating a motor vehicle also apply to operating a golf cart. For example, a driver of a golf cart **MUST** be a licensed driver under Indiana Law and have such license on his or her person at all times.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances are available for viewing on the town website under the Resources Tab.

◆ OPEN BURN ORDINANCE

That no person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire or cause such bonfire or rubbish fire to be kindled or maintained on any private property or lands unless said bonfire or rubbish fire is contained in an approved waste burner as set forth in Section 7, located at a safe distance from any building, pole, fence or other structure; in any event, said burner shall not be located less than ten feet from such building, pole, fence or other structure.

That the following types of fire are permitted:

- a. customary burning of logs and other wood products in residential fireplaces;
- b. burning of charcoal and other food cooking fuels customarily used in outdoor grills or traditional food cooking devices;
- c. fire celebrating Twelfth Night Ceremonies;
- d. fire celebrating school pep rallies;
- e. fire celebrating scouting activities;
- f. fire used for recreational cooking purposes, i.e., campfires, BBQ grills;
- h. any other type of fires whereby a citizen of the Town of Wolcott has obtained a variance from the provisions of this Ordinance by petitioning the Common Council, providing, however, that the Common Council cannot grant a variance that would otherwise violate the provisions of 326 Indiana Administrative code 4-1 et. seq., and as amended.



◆ ORDINANCE VIOLATION COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

If you have a complaint regarding an ordinance violation(s), you may complete and file a Complaint Form with the Clerk-Treasurer’s office. In turn, the Complaint Form will be submitted to Town Attorney, Jacob Ahler and addressed accordingly.

◆ BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are granted through White County Building and Planning. Please contact them at (574) 583-7355 with questions and/or to request a permit.

TOWN OF WOLCOTT

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www.wolcottindiana.org
Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:30-4:00



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UTILITY BILLS

Utility Bills are due the 15th of each month.

Bills paid after the 15th will be assessed a penalty. Unpaid utility bills will be subject to Shut-off at 12:00 pm the 25th of the month and be assessed a \$25.00 charge for service turn-on, provided all delinquent bills and charges owed by the customer have been paid in full.

Effective January 2017 *Ordinance No. 2017-04*, Requests for an extension of payment of utility bills beyond the 25th of the month, must be arranged with the permission of the Town Council, rather than the Clerk-Treasurer. Residents needing a payment extension past the 25th of the month, must present their request to the Town Council during a Town Council Meeting. The Town Council meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Community Room of the Wolcott Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Extensions granted by the Town Council will be assessed a \$25 Late Fee.

Electronic payments can be made through the Town of Wolcott website under the Resources tab under Links or by using the PayGov Mobile App. If interested, please call the Town Office to receive the Pay Location Code.

Electronic payments are subject to a 3% convenience fee or \$2.00 minimum charged by PayGov.

◆ PURCHASE SAND/STONE/GRAVEL/DIRT

Residents may purchase Sand/Stone/Gravel and Dirt from the Town by the Bobcat Bucket Load.

Following is the cost of each material:

Stone/Gravel/Sand - \$20 per Bobcat Bucket Load

Dirt - \$30 per Bobcat Bucket Load



◆ ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Recycle your unwanted electronics:

⇒ WHERE: White County Recycling Center
484 US 24, Reynolds IN

⇒ WHEN: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



◆ **TRASH PICK UP** Trash pick up is on Thursday...Trash can be put out NO earlier than noon on Wednesday and MUST be out by 6:00 a.m. Thursday. Trash Bag/Receptacle Limit respectively 6 Bags/2 Receptacles. **All receptacles must be removed from curbside by dusk Thursday Night.** If you have a large item to be picked up, YOU must call Advanced Disposal at 574-808-4665. The Holidays observed by our current trash company are as follows:

NEW YEAR'S DAY
MEMORIAL DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY

LABOR DAY
THANKSGIVING
CHRISTMAS

If these Holidays fall on or before Thursday,
trash will be picked up on Friday