



# WOLCOTT WISE

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## ◆ COMMUNITY EVENTS

### • Council Members

- Michael A Yelton,  
*President*
- Fred A Young,  
*Vice-President*
- Tina M. Orns
- Michael J. Johnson
- Stephen Schemerhorn

• Clerk-Treasurer  
Tammy L. Seward

• Town Attorney  
Jacob A. Ahler

• Water/Street  
Superintendent  
Robert G. Thomas

• Wastewater  
Superintendent  
Chad W. Reynolds

• Town Marshal  
James M. Herre

• WVFD Chief  
Ken Burns

• Ambulance Director  
Steve Young, Sr.

### EASTER EGG HUNT



The Progressive Club will be sponsoring their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15th at 1:00 p.m. at the Wolcott House.

### FISH FRY

The annual Summer Festival Committee Fish Fry is April 7th at the Wolcott Community Building starting at 5:30.

Tickets can be purchased for a Catfish or Pork Chop Dinner at the door for :

Adults -\$8

Children 12 and under -\$4.

Proceeds from the fish fry go to the Wolcott 4th of July Summer Festival.



### TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

The town wide garage sale will be held May 6th 7a.m.- ? (Your Choice) The garage sale is sponsored by the Progressive Club.

Cost: \$5/Family up to 3 families. 3+ families - \$15 max. Deadline to be added to map is May 3. Please send a brief list of attractive items along with a check made payable to :

#### **Progressive Club.**

Mail Checks to :

Marian Jordan

614 N Burke St.

Wolcott, IN 47995

Ph: 219-279-2327



## ◆ STICK, BRUSH AND LEAF COLLECTION

When putting out sticks or limbs for pick up. Please lay your limbs all in one direction with the cut ends facing the road. This makes for a safe and quick removal of your limbs.

Residents are asked to bag leaves and the Town will dispose of them as the Leaf Vacuum is in need of repair and is not operational at this time.



When mowing lawns, residents are asked to keep grass clippings from going into the streets. The wind and rain blows the clippings into the storm drains and clogs them.



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**Please DO NOT flush wipes. They are NOT bio-degradable and will clog the sewer pumps. Even if they state they are flushable, in most cases it will clog your plumbing and cause costly repairs. Putting these items down your toilets may plug the sewer and cause raw sewage to back up into YOUR HOME.**

**Please place the items listed in a trash can.**

## 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



## ◆ EMERGENCY SERVICES NOTICE

The emergency services that serve the Town of Wolcott and the surrounding rural communities are requesting that all owners of structures, display addresses on residences and other buildings in a conspicuous, well-lighted and non-obscured space of 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.

## ◆ IHEDA CDBG OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION GRANT

Joyce McCarty of Star Development, Inc. stated that the Town of Wolcott was awarded the IHEDA CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Grant in the amount of \$190,917.50.



## ◆ GOLF CART PERMIT

Spring is here and it's time to renew your golf cart permit for 2017. Permits are to be renewed annually on April 1. The golf cart permit fee is \$25.00.

If you still own the same golf cart it does not need to be inspected. You need to provide us with a current copy of your insurance. Your permit can be purchased at the Town Hall.

If you have purchased a new golf cart, a golf cart permit application will need to be completed and an authorized representative will need to inspect your new golf cart. Evidence of insurance

will need to be provided for the new golf cart. A permit may then be purchased for your new golf cart.

## ◆ GET INVOLVED

### Wolcott Town Council

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

### Wolcott Park Board - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building

### Remington-Wolcott Community Development Corporation

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

### Wolcott Summer Festival Committee

- January thru June – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Wolcott Christian Church
- September – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Wolcott Christian Church

### Wolcott Main Street - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building

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

### Anson Wolcott Historical Society—1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Wolcott House

## ◆ TOWN OF WOLCOTT'S 2017 PROJECTS

Park Electric – Estimated Cost - \$20,000

Police 2017 Ford Explorer Interceptor – Estimated Cost - \$32,000

IHCDA Housing Grant Local Match - \$9,300 - \$23,100

129 W Market Street Blight Clearance Project Estimated Local Match - \$16,000

Water System Improvement Project – Estimated Cost – \$4.5 Million

The Wolcott Main Street Committee is accepting donations to aid in the Park Electric Project and replacement of the Ball Diamond light poles, lights and wiring. Your gift may be tax deductible. Questions? Call the Clerk-Treasurer's Office—219.279.2216

## ◆ WHITE COUNTY'S MID-AMERICA COMMERCE PARK

White County may reach out to Remington and ask if they have an interest in supplying the Mid-America Commerce Park water above the 120,000 gallons per day capacity the Town of Wolcott is able to supply, since the prospect of being able to locate an aquifer on property the Town owns or in the Mid-America Commerce Park area that will support the development of Mid-America Commerce Park is not favorable. When asked what type of business prospects require 600,000 gallons of water per day; Mr. Zuerner and Mr. Mitchell, representing White County, confirmed the speculation of a food processing plant.

## **ORDINANCES**

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

### ◆ **UTILITY READY FEE ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05**

The Town Council has implemented a “Ready to Serve Fee” of \$10.00 a month to property owners that have an inactive utility meter or meter pit. The ordinance will apply to the following:

- Owners of vacant lots in the Town of Wolcott that have utility meters on said lot and
  - Owners of lots with residential and commercial structures that have a meter pit or utility meter that are inactive.
- The Ordinance described above does not apply to vacant lots that are owned by an adjacent owner that has an active utility line.

### ◆ **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 VIOLATIONS**

It's that time of year...time to be outside enjoying our families, sprucing up our home's exterior and yard. Maintaining our home not only adds aesthetic value and curb appeal. But it makes us feel proud when those passing through Wolcott stop and compliment our GREAT town.

We urge residents to be mindful of the following Town Ordinances and the consequences of violating those Ordinances:

- Wolcott Town Ordinance, Section 14-24 Nuisances, Unlawful to Maintain Nuisances. **Example—Debris/trash/tires in front, rear and sides of building and property visible from the street and neighboring properties.**
- Wolcott Town Ordinance Section 46-72, Regulation of demolition derby cars, junk cars, abandoned vehicles, vehicle parts, etc. **Example: Vehicle parts in rear and sides of building and property visible from the street and neighboring properties.**
- Wolcott Town Ordinance No. 2007-08, An Ordinance Regulating Animals in the Town reads, in part: **Example 1—Continuous barking of dogs housed in building in backyard; nuisance to neighboring residents. Example 2— Large number of unconfined cats on property. Example 3— No license or permit for dogs and cats on your property.**

### ◆ **50/50 SIDEWALK FUND**

The Wolcott Town Council is desirous to assist Town property owners who either live in their dwelling, are current in their property tax payments and/or who cannot otherwise afford to install new and/or replace existing sidewalks that are hazardous to the public. Therefore, the Town of Wolcott will reimburse property owners fifty percent (50%) of the cost of removal, creation or replacement of public sidewalks.

## TOWN OF WOLCOTT

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PO Box 38  
Wolcott, IN 47995

Telephone :1-219-279-2216  
wolcottindiana.org  
Office Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
**8:30-4:00**



Visit us on the web at  
[wolcottindiana.org](http://wolcottindiana.org)

## 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.

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

You may now pay your utility bill 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.

◆ **HOLD HARMLESS** As a condition precedent to the use of water by any Customer and to the permission to tap any water main, sewer, or the connection of service pipes with any branch main, any Person shall hold the Utility and the Town of Wolcott, Indiana, harmless for any damages related to any interruption of the supply of water or sewer service, for any damages caused by accident to any part of the water works, or for repairs of machinery, fire hydrants or mains, or for damages caused by defective piping and appliances on the Customer's premises.

◆ **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 888-583-8727. 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**

### ◆ **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