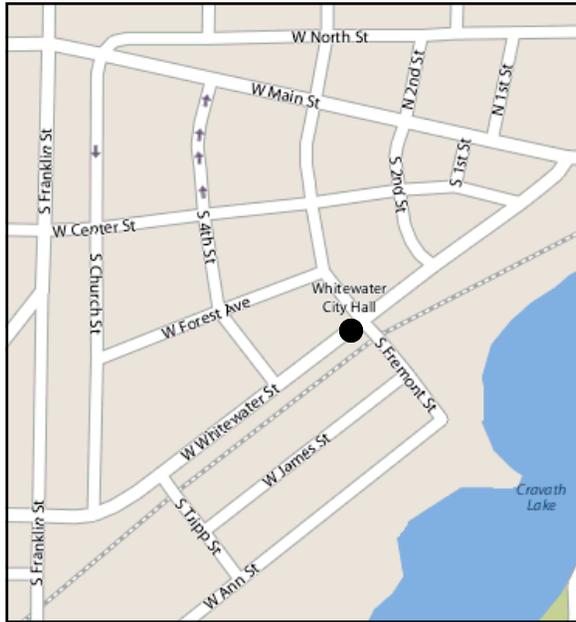


**Public Announcements (PSAs)**

These will tell you about upcoming changes and events which may affect your routine. PSAs for the City can be found on the City's Web site, Channel 13, or in the Whitewater Register.



**Contact Information**

**Municipal Building**—(262) 473-0500

312 W. Whitewater St.

Whitewater, WI 53190

**Municipal Court**—(262) 473-0580

**Neighborhood Services**—(262) 473-0540

**Parks & Recreation**—(262) 473-0520

**Police Department**—(262) 473-0555

**Public Works**—(262) 473-0540

**Utility/Finance** —(262) 473-0580

**Irvin L. Young Memorial Library**

(262) 473-0530

431 W. Center St.

Whitewater, WI 53190

[www.ci.whitewater.wi.us](http://www.ci.whitewater.wi.us)



# City Information for UW-Whitewater Students





## Dear Students,

Welcome to Whitewater! This is a great place to live, work, and play. There is much more to this community than the University. We hope that you learn, play, and compliment our city while you are here.

This booklet will provide information that will help you better understand local ordinances so that you may become a good neighbor, enjoy you new home, and successfully transition into our community.

**Enjoy your new home!**

**Re-Inspection Fees:** These are fees issued by the City for failure to comply with an official notice. If you receive a notice (usually a bright colored piece of paper) please take care of the problem. If unsure about the problem contact Neighborhood Services, 473-0540, and they will work with you to help you correct the problem. These fees start at \$25 and can get up to \$200 PER DAY.

**Road Signs:** To report missing or damaged road signs please call 473-0542. It is a felony to remove road signs and YOU will be held responsible for a traffic accident caused by a missing sign (like a stop sign).

**Rusty Water:** From time to time you may experience "rusty" water. This is usually caused by something using a large flow of water in a short time, such as a hydrant flushing or a water main break. This water is **SAFE** to drink, but unpleasant to look at. This situation can be solved by running your cold water until it clears up. We ask that you report rusty water to the Water Utility at 262-473-0543.

**Sewer Backups:** If the sanitary sewer backs up into your home, before you call a plumber, please call the Wastewater Utility at 473-5920 during business hours or the Police Department at 473-0555 for all other hours. A Wastewater crew will be dispatched to determine if the source and responsibility of the problem.

**Sidewalks:** Sidewalks are a public right of way and must be kept free of debris, snow, and ice. If you fail to do so the City will clear the sidewalk and issue a bill for services.

**Stormwater:** Rain water which hits your house and driveway is routed into the City's storm sewer system and ends up in local lakes and streams without being treated. Please keep your driveway and property clear of oil, trash, and other contaminants.

**Street Lights:** To report a street or traffic light that needs maintenance, contact Public Works Department at 473-0542.

**Voting:** You are allowed to vote in all elections if you have lived in Whitewater for more than ten days. Register to vote by bringing proof of residence (copy of a bill or lease) and your drivers license to the City Clerk's Office (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in Municipal Building). To find where you vote call 473-0102.

**Water/Sewer Bill Questions:** If you have questions on your water/sewer bill please call the Water Utility billing office at 473-1383. If you are moving remember to call to order a "final" reading for water and sewer charges.

**Zoning:** Cities are zoned to control the type of residence or business activity in areas of the city. Much of the residential areas are zoned for single-family use (R-1 and R-2). This means that only 3 unrelated people can live in one residence. Call 473-0540 to find what zone you live in.

## *Frequently Asked Questions Continued...*

**Motor Vehicle Accidents:** If you are involved in a traffic accident in the City, contact the Whitewater Police Department and an officer will be assigned to respond to the accident and determine the level of investigation necessary.

**Noise:** One of the most common concerns a neighbor may have is being disturbed by loud noise. Not everyone has the same noise level tolerance or schedules. Everyone has the right to quiet enjoyment of their property and city ordinances prohibit disturbing others by noise of any type.

**Outdoor Furniture:** For rodent and pest control reasons, indoor furniture like couches and recliners are not allowed outside. You are allowed to have furniture outside which is manufactured for outdoor use.

**Parking Ticket Fines:** Parking tickets can be paid by dropping the payment in the payment drop box at the entrances to the Municipal Building or at the Police Department lobby window during regular business hours (8 AM—4:30 PM).

**Parking:** Whitewater Ordinances allow up to three vehicles parked in front or side driveways at any time. No parking is allowed on lawns or non-approved parking surfaces (like sidewalks.) Parking is also prohibited on many Whitewater streets between the hours of 2 AM and 5 AM. Winter parking restrictions begin on November 1st and end on March 31st (parking prohibited on all city streets from 2 AM to 6 AM). On-street parking is prohibited when snowplowing or snow removal operations are in progress.

**Parties: RESPECT** for your neighbors is the key here. Loud noise and trespassing often create problems with neighbors. There are serious fines, penalties and even suspension from UW-Whitewater for Non-Academic Misconduct for Underage Consumption, Furnishing of Alcohol to Minors, and Distributing to Minors. Please be respectful, smart, and above all safe when enjoying a party. Some basic tips for a party include:

- Don't allow random people to enter the party and control access points
- Notify your neighbors of party plans and intent
- Clean up trash from your party
- Don't fear calling Whitewater Police at 472-0555 if things get out of hand

**Recreational Fires:** No permit is required. For a legal recreational fire you must have a bucket of water or hose immediately available, burn dry wood only, and supervise the fire at all times. Some restrictions on recreational fires are that your burning pit may not exceed 3' by 3' and must be more than 50' from any structure or 10' from an adjacent property. Time restrictions state that you may burn between 4:00PM to 10:00PM on weekdays and 4:00PM to 1:00AM on weekends.

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

**Animal Control:** All Cats and Dogs must wear leashes and rabies tags when in public. Dogs are required to be licensed annually for a small fee. If for any reason your animal is at large, it will be impounded at the Jefferson County Humane Society.

**Bike License:** Required by the City and administered by the Police Department, a non-expiring license is \$3.

**Channel 13:** This is the city's official cable channel. On it, you can view local events, city functions, and Public Service Announcements.

**Citation Fines:** Municipal citations are paid at the Clerk of Court's office, located on the first floor of the Municipal Building. If you need to set up a payment plan or change a court date for your municipal citation you must see the Clerk of Courts. Payments must be made in cash or with a bank money order. No checks are allowed.

**Community Garden:** If you are staying here all summer long why not plant your own garden? The city tills the soil and provides water on the site. You can relax your summer away by growing some of your favorite food.

**Downtown Parking:** 24 Hour Parking Permits are available for downtown parking lots for those who live and work downtown on a first come first serve basis. One free 24 hour lot (B) exists adjacent to Cravath Lake Park. All other lots possess a posted time restriction.

**Garbage and Recycling Pickup:** John's Disposal supplies trash, recycling, and bulk pickup (old couches, dressers, beds etc...) via a contract with the City. Trash pick up is on Thursdays, while recycling/bulk pick-up days are every other Thursdays. Toters may not be set out earlier than 4:00 PM on Wednesdays and removed before 9:00 AM on Friday. For more information or to arrange special trash pick up call John's Disposal at 262-473-4700.

**Grills:** For safety reasons; no grills are allowed on second story balconies and no charcoal grills are allowed on wooden decks.

**Hot Water:** If your home does not have hot water something in your building or home is wrong. Please contact the property owner.

**Household Hazardous Waste:** If you have household hazardous wastes to dispose of please contact Neighborhood Services by calling 473-0540.

**Lawns:** Grass must be kept cut and noxious weeds kept in control in planting beds, lawns, and cracks in pavement.

**Library:** Whitewater's Irvin L. Young Memorial Library has different collections than the University's Library such as: DVD's, CD's, and graphic novels.

**Maintenance Codes:** These codes are the minimum condition a building should be in. Common problems with homes include: broken windows/doors, no storm or thermal windows, leaking roofs, and deterioration of walls and accessory structures (garages, sheds etc...). If you have problems with your property which your landlord has not addressed call the Building Inspector at 473-0540.

# Whitewater Park System

## Community Parks

- 1 Starin
- 2 Trippe Lake
- 3 Cravath Lakefront
- 4 Moraine View
- Whitewater Creek Nature Area
- 6

## Archeological Park

- 5 Indian Mounds

## Neighborhood Parks

- 7 Skyway Park
- 8 Brewery Hill/Armory
- 9 Meadowsweet

## Mini Parks

- 10 Walton Oaks
- 11 Clay Street Nature
- Main Street Shoppes
- 12 Courtyard
- 13 Birge Fountain
- 14 Trailhead
- 15 Ward
- 16 Big Brick
- 17 Mill Race
- 18 Optimist Turtle Mound

## Public School Facilities

- A Whitewater High School
- B Whitewater Middle School
- C Lincoln Elementary
- D Washington Elementary

## University Facilities

- E UW LAWCON Fields

