



WAITE RUG GAZETTE

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Parking Lot Changes

In March, everyone with a vehicle was issued a parking space at Waite Rug. Please consider the following changes to the parking lot rules:

- Only tenants are allowed to park in the parking lot – no visitors or caregivers.
- Visitors and caregivers need to park on the street.
- Visitors or caregivers can drive into the parking lot to drop you off or unload groceries as long as they are not parking in someone's spot. But then after this is done, they need to park their vehicle on the street.
- By law, we can not assign disabled parking spaces so these will continue to be first come first serve.
- Parking permits should be placed in the BACK window of your vehicle which indicates that that vehicle is permitted to park in the parking lot. If you notice someone has a vehicle in the parking lot that does NOT have a parking permit, please let the office know.
- Tenant's with permitted vehicles were given a letter to show that that parking spot is theirs which can be used if someone is parked in your space in which you can call the police and have them ticketed. Also please let staff know so we can address.
- If you currently do not have a car but you obtain one, please talk to the Property Manager right away so you can get assigned a parking space.
- Parking on the Street – the City of Oshkosh has an ordinance that prohibits parking on the street from 2:00am – 5:00am year round so if you are having overnight guests that have a vehicle, you are encouraged to reach out to the Oshkosh Police Department to get permission to park on the street. Under normal circumstances, permission is only granted up to three nights per month. The person has to be parking on the even or odd number of the street depending on the date before midnight (basically if the date was April 4th then you would park overnight on Waite Rug side of the street and on April 5th you would park on the other side of the street)

To ask for permission to have visitor's park on the street overnight, you either call the non-emergency Oshkosh Police Department at 920-236-5700 or fill out the form online at <https://www.oshkoshpd.com/Parking/overnightparking.aspx>

Maintenance Calls during Staff Hours

If you have an emergency maintenance occurrence between the hours of 8:00am – 4:30pm, please do not call the on-call maintenance number to get assistance. Please reach out to your property manager or Erin by stopping into the office or calling/texting/emailing them and they can contact maintenance right away.

What is a reason to have maintenance contacted immediately:

- Anything involving leaking water – pipe leaking water under your sink, faucet breaks and water is gushing everywhere, etc
- No heat or air conditioning depending on the season
- Elevator stopped working

Volunteer Appreciation Week

Waite Rug would not be such a wonderful community without the effort, dedication and kindness of our volunteers.

We have tenants that do things that we are not aware of every day but a special thanks to all the volunteers our volunteers that water plants, key keeper tasks, decorate for the holidays, deliver packages, monitor the food in the second floor community room food pantry, deliver papers to tenants for staff and put up signs for staff when they are not able to make it for open hour.

There are so many residents that are dedicated to trying to make Waite Rug a safe and beautiful community. It was evident when the blizzard of the century came through. It was amazing to see everyone pitching in to help your fellow neighbor get their cars started, cleaned off and shoveled out so they could move their car.

A community is a group of people connected by shared interests, values, geography, or goals, often characterized by mutual trust, interaction, and a shared sense of belonging. I think because of all of you we are creating a wonderful community!!!



Waite Rug Resident Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Staff Present: Erin Reismann, CSW & Brittany James Property Manager

Tenants present: 17

Erin's Information:

- Discussed the most recent blizzard. Great appreciation was given to everyone that pitched in to help people move their cars out of the parking lot.
- Tax volunteers came in to do people taxes. However, Erin was not present during the day that they came so she understands that things were not very organized, long weights and confusing. She apologized for the event not being as smooth as she would like and guarantees that it will go much smoother next year.
- Fire Safety presentation was done last month so discussed the fire alarm protocol for Waite Rug that will be getting revamped. Discussed congregate meeting space if there was a fire where to meet up. Discussed lithium battery disposal and over charging.
- Parking Lot Assignments are almost complete with letters coming out by March 20th. Disability and seniority was taken into account when determining assignments. Discussed no guest parking or caregiver parking.
- Father Carr's Easter Meal sign up sheet will be going up shortly if you would like a free meal for Easter.
- Erin let everyone know what days she will not be in the office which include March 19 (tax preparers at Court Tower), March 30th (day off), April 3rd (Spring Holiday), April 7th (all day staff training), April 8th (all day staff training) and April 17th (working from home for webinar)
- Housing will be offering a QPR training at Court Tower on March 25 at 1:30pm which offered techniques on how to talk to someone about suicide which stands for Question, Persuade and Refer.

Follow up From Prior Meeting

- Brittany is still working at this time as baby has not come but she will be leaving either today or tomorrow and will not be back until the end of June. Lora Southworth will be covering for Brittany during her maternity leave.
- West exit door now has a disabled button so the inside door opens automatically which many were happy.
- We are working with Spectrum to cable installed in the community room.

Resident Comments & Questions:

- The public washers and dryers are leased from CSC Service Works. Tenants can have their own washers and dryers in their units as well but they were wondering if the lint hoses and ducts were ever cleaned out as we were talking about fire hazards. Will check with management on this issue.
- People have been leaving things on a table in the community room on the second floor as a free table. Brittany would like that to stop due to pest issues.
- January's resident meeting minutes were not posted online
- There is no salt in the buckets at the exits – Brittany texted maintenance right away
- Disabled button has been falling off on the inside of the outside west exit door
- A resident asked about having rugs in the hallways to prevent getting the concrete floors all messy from the snow and salt. Brittany let them know that no rugs are permitted in the common areas due to fall hazard and fire department does not permit either.
- A resident asked about having maintenance clean the vents and cobwebs that are way up in the high ceilings. Will have to check with management.

Brittany Officially on Maternity Leave

With Brittany on maternity leave, you can reach out to Lora Southworth if you have any property manager issues. As always, you can always stop in to see Erin as well and she can forward any messages on as well. Lora plans on trying to keep office hours on Wednesdays like Brittany.

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FOREVERWELL for Ages 55+

Join us for the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Fraud School! Learn about what types of frauds and scams are currently being used; how to proactively protect yourself from these scams; and what someone needs to do if they fall victim.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Downtown Y • MPR Room (Lower Level)

FREE FOR ALL

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Please sign up on our website, at the front desk of either location or by calling 920-236-3380.

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Spring is here! Thinking about doing some spring cleaning.



It is a great time to look in your medicine cabinet and get rid of medications that have expired or you are no longer taking. Medication strength changes over time and is not typically safe after one year.

How can I safely dispose of the medications I no longer need?

- It is no longer acceptable to flush or throw away medications in your garbage
- Proper disposal removes the medications from your home in a safe way so that others don't have access to it.
- Find your local Drug Drop location or ask your Social Worker or Nurse to help you.

Medication Drop-off Guidelines

- Empty all your pills you are disposing of into a sandwich-sized sealable bag
- Keep all liquids, creams and powders in the original containers
- Drop off all bags of pills, liquids, creams and powders at your local drop off locations

What medications do they accept?

- All prescriptions and over the counter medications
- Pills, creams, ointments, liquids, powders, inhaler's and pet medications



What are the things they will not accept?

- Sharps, Needles, syringes and lancet
- Never put medical sharps in your garbage or recycling
- Used and unused sharps must be placed in an acceptable sharps container and taken to a registered collection facility.
- Acceptable containers are red or white sharps containers. If you are unable to get an acceptable sharps container, ask your nurse or social worker for help in getting one.
- **Do not use** milk containers, soda cans, glass containers or water bottles or laundry bottles.

Safe Drug Drop-Off Locations in Winnebago County

- Oshkosh Public Safety Building
- Neenah Police Department
- Menasha Police Department
- Town of Menasha Police Department

Waite Rug Activity Calendar



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Good Friday Office Closed	4
5 Easter Father Carr's Meals if you ordered (late morning)	6	7 All OHA Staff Meeting so office will be closed all day	8 All OHA Staff Meeting so office will be closed all day	9	10	11
12	13	14 Tax Day	15	16	17 Erin working from home due to online training	18
19	20	21 Bug Day (Apt 101 - 110) 2:30pm Open Nurse Hour (office)	22 Administrative Professionals Day	23	24	25
26 7:00am OHA Board Meeting (Court Tower Theater Room)	27	28	29	30		

