

TOWN OF COOPERSTOWN

DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

TAX RECEIPTS – Receipts can be emailed. Please include your email address along with your tax payment. ***IF A MAILED RECEIPT IS NEEDED SEND A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE ALONG WITH PAYMENT.***

TAX PAYMENT PROCEDURES - Tax collection will be done by mail only. All checks are to be made out to the Town of Cooperstown. NO CASH ACCEPTED! Pay at least the 1st installment by January 31, 2016. Tax payments must be postmarked by this date but to avoid being delinquent, mail early. The balance due, if any, is to be paid to the Manitowoc County Treasurer on or before July 31, 2016. The bottom stub should be returned with your payment to the address noted.

LOTTERY CREDIT - Property tax bills will include a lottery credit for primary residency only. If you did not receive a credit and you feel you should have or if you received a credit on a property that was not your primary residence, please notify the Treasurer. Adjustments can be made with the proper documentation.

DOG LICENSES - Every dog over 5 months of age must have a current rabies shot and a license. To get your license, send the proper fee along with **written proof of a current rabies vaccination and proof of spaying or neutering where relevant**. Fees are as follows: Neutered or spayed: \$5.00 per dog; all other dogs: \$10.00 per dog; Kennel license: \$35.00 for 12 dogs or less (\$3.00 for each additional dog). Dog licenses are due by **APRIL 1, 2016** or they are delinquent and subject to late charges. **PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS A RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE IS SENT WITH FEE.** Penalties are as follows: additional \$5.00 after April 1, 2016, \$25.00 after May 1, 2016. **PLEASE SEND A SEPARATE CHECK FOR DOG LICENSE. NOTIFY THE TREASURER IF YOU NO LONGER HAVE YOUR DOG.** Send to: Bernadette Duescher, Treasurer, PO Box 92 Maribel, WI 54227

ELECTIONS - The 2016 election dates are: Spring elections are February 16th Spring Primary and April 5th Spring Election. Fall elections are August 9th Primary and November 8th General Election. If interested in becoming an election worker please contact the clerk for more information. Workers are needed.

TOWN BOARD ELECTION- the first day to circulate nomination papers is Dec. 1, 2015 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5 p.m. on January 5, 2016. Nomination papers can be obtained from the Clerk, by calling 863-3261 or on the town website.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION- applications being accepted for one position for a 3 year term. Submit application to Town Clerk by April 25, 2016. During 2016, the Town Plan Commission will be meeting with Bay Lakes Planning to update the 20 Year Comprehensive Plan. See website and posting site for meeting dates.

RECYCLING AND GARBAGE - Garbage and recycling items should be taken to the town Transfer Station located at 12309 County Road Z. Transfer Station hours are as follows: Winter hours (November – March) – Saturdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm ; Summer hours (April – October) – Wednesdays 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Saturdays 9:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Transfer Station employees will have a handout available, which lists guidelines for acceptable/non-acceptable garbage and recycling items and fees, when applicable. Your card should be presented to Transfer Station employees every time garbage and recycling items are dropped off. If you have lost your card or are a new resident, please contact the Clerk to obtain one. If you have any questions regarding the Transfer Station please contact any Town Board member.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS - Meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at the Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. unless otherwise posted and/or published. Winter meetings will be held at the Maribel Community Center, Maribel from November thru March. Notices are posted at the Town Hall and on the town website.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION- Maps are available for viewing at the town hall. Call for appointment.

TOWN OF COOPERSTOWN IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WEBSITE INFORMATION - Town's website can be found at townofcooperstown.com. Contact us at townofcooperstown1856@yahoo.com. Updated information on postings, meeting minutes, ordinances, forms and more can be found on the site. The town is looking for pictures from our community. Pictures can be emailed.

TOWN OFFICERS

Chairman	-	Richard Duckett	920-863-2555
Supervisor	-	Fred Lemens	920-863-8278
Supervisor	-	Mike Albers	920-863-8778
Supervisor	-	Bill Enz	920-863-6889
Supervisor	-	Pat VanGroll	920-863-8477
Clerk	-	Susan Kornely	920-863-3261 (phone & fax)
Treasurer	-	Bernadette Duescher	920-863-8016
Constable	-	Nancy Weber	920-863-5296
Town Shop	-	Dan Kasten & John Rabenhorst	920-863-6515

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Roger Mayer	920-726-4583
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TOWN ASSESSOR

Scott Tennesen	920-423-3502
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CULVERT PERMITS - Culvert permits are required. Application forms can be obtained by calling the Town Chairman at 920-863-2555.

FIRE NUMBERS – Please keep your fire numbers visible and also culvert ends on driveways free of grass and debris.

RIGHT-OF-WAY - It is unlawful to place objects or signage in the road right-of-way. You will be asked to remove the object or sign; otherwise it will be removed for you.

SNOW ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS - It is unlawful under State Statutes 86.01 and 86.022 to place snow onto any Public Highway Right-of-Way that would impede or incommode the use of the highway. We ask that you refrain from placing snow on any Town Right-of-Way.

CULTIVATING IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS - No person shall, within the limits of any public highway, plow, cultivate or otherwise work any lands in such manner as to interfere with or obstruct the drainage in any public highway ditch, nor shall any person operate any farm or other machinery on, over, along or across any public highway in such manner as to materially damage the said highway. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days, and shall in addition pay the whole cost of restoring the ditch or highway, or both, to their former condition. State Statute 86.021

BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTION FEES - No person shall, in excess of \$2500 in cost of material and labor, build, add onto and/or alter any building without first obtaining a building permit for such work from the Town Clerk or Sup. Mike Albers. See website for more information.

Tax Rate	2014	Rate	2015	Rate
State	\$ 16,974.25	0.169121	\$ 17,270.67	0.172114
County	\$ 603,902.65	6.016908	\$ 614,274.55	6.121669
Local	\$ 280,879.00	2.798503	\$ 282,078.00	2.811101
Denmark School	\$ 926,501.77	9.923704	\$ 914,488.67	9.767048
Mishicot School	\$ 11,899.32	10.072219	\$ 12,245.97	10.365642
Reedsville School	\$ 76,379.00	13.115202	\$ 73,590.34	13.300501
NWTC	\$ 73,045.57	.782387	\$ 73,878.91	.789052
LTC	\$ 5,439.60	.776520	\$ 5,457.01	.812744