

TOWN OF COOPERSTOWN

DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

NEW THIS YEAR - Tax receipts can now 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, 2015. 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, 2015. 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, 2015** 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, 2015, \$25.00 after May 1, 2015. **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 2015 election dates are: Spring elections are February 17th Spring Primary and April 7th Spring 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, 2014 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5 p.m. on January 6, 2015. Nomination papers can be obtained from the Clerk, by calling 863-3261 or on the town website.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION- applications being accepted for two positions for a 3 year term. Submit application to Town Clerk by April 24, 2015.

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. A card with a number was sent to all residents last year and should be presented to Transfer Station employees every time garbage and recycling items are dropped off. If you have not received a 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 thru November - March. Notices are posted at the Town Hall, the corner of Hwy Z and Hwy R, and the corner of Hwy R and Johnson Dr and 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
TOWN ASSESSOR

Roger Mayer	920-726-4583
Scott Tennesen	920-423-3502

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.

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. Any structural changes or major changes shall require permits. Restoration or repair of an installation (re-siding, re-roofing, new windows, replace concrete, electrical or plumbing) to its previous code-compliant condition is exempt from permit requirements. A minimum \$65 fee for the first \$5,000 of remodeling, with an additional \$1.00 for each \$1,000 above this up to a maximum of \$100 (remodeling only). New construction requires a Wisconsin Uniform Building Permit to be issued after approval of building plans by the Building Inspector. New building permit fee is \$535 plus \$200 for any additional costs. Inspection fees are \$65 per inspection. A fee of \$25 will be assessed for razing old buildings. The fee for moving a building through the town is \$75 per hour. (Fees subject to change.)

Tax Rate	2012	Rate	2013	Rate	2014	Rate
State	\$ 16,773.18	0.178599	\$ 16,196.42	0.162963	\$ 16,974.25	0.169121
County	\$ 588,652.32	6.267893	\$ 576,587.43	5.801443	\$ 603,902.65	6.016908
Local	\$ 276,701.00	2.946276	\$ 278,137.00	2.798528	\$ 280,879.00	2.798503
Denmark School	\$ 885,370.12	10.042446	\$ 774,374.25	8.362121	\$ 926,501.77	9.923704
Mishicot School	\$ 12,443.87	10.805722	\$ 12,351.24	10.454749	\$ 11,899.32	10.072219
Reedsville School	\$ 66,638.00	14.483058	\$ 64,239.00	11.470226	\$ 76,379.00	13.115202
NWTC	\$ 153,720.56	1.743599	\$ 148,727.04	1.606037	\$ 73,045.57	.782387
LTC	\$ 9,725.62	1.690618	\$ 9,572.13	1.411423	\$ 5,439.60	.776520