

# **TOWN OF COOPERSTOWN**

## **DECEMBER 2019 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. NO TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE SENT OUT WITHOUT A STAMPED ENVELOPE.***

**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, 2020. 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, 2020. 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, 2020** 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, 2020, \$25.00 after May 1, 2020 **PER DOG. PLEASE SEND A SEPARATE CHECK FOR DOG LICENSE. NOTIFY THE TREASURER IF YOU NO LONGER HAVE YOUR DOG.** Send to: Bernadette Duescher, Treasurer, 10619 Hidden Valley Road Maribel, WI 54227

**ELECTIONS** - The 2020 election dates are: Spring elections are February 18<sup>th</sup> Spring Primary, April 7<sup>th</sup> Spring & Presidential Preference Election, August 11<sup>th</sup> Partisan Primary and November 3<sup>rd</sup> General & Presidential Election. If interested in becoming an election worker please contact the clerk for more information.

**TOWN BOARD ELECTION**- the first day to circulate nomination papers is Dec. 1, 2019 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5 p.m. on January 7, 2020. Nomination papers can be obtained from the Clerk, by calling 863-3261 or on the town website. Two Supervisor positions are open for Spring Election.

**TOWN PLAN COMMISSION**- applications being accepted for two positions for a 3 year term – two citizen appointments. Submit application to Town Clerk by April 30, 2020. Updated revision of the 20 Year Comprehensive Plan will be available in May. 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: Saturdays hours 8:00 am – 3:00 pm ; Wednesday hours (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in April to last Wednesday in October) 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. See website for a guideline list of 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.

**BURNING IN THE TOWN** - The local fire departments are no longer issuing burning permits. For more information concerning burning in the town please contact a board member or the town website. Contact Manitowoc County Dispatch Center at 920-683-4201 to report your burning project and call them back when completed. For information on items that can and cannot be burned and daily burning restrictions check the DNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/OpenBurning/Owners.html>. 1-888-947-2876 Check with DNR for burning bans.

**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. Notices are posted at the three posting sites and on the town website.

**WEBSITE INFORMATION** - Town's website can be found at [townofcooperstown.com](http://townofcooperstown.com). Contact us at [townofcooperstown1856@yahoo.com](mailto: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 OF COOPERSTOWN IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## TOWN OFFICERS

Chairman - David Blakeslee	920-639-0555	Clerk - Susan Kornely	920-863-3261 (phone & fax)
Supervisor - Fred Lemens	920-863-8278	Treasurer - Bernadette Duescher	920-619-2689
Supervisor - Mike Albers	920-863-8778	Constable - Nancy Weber	920-863-5296
Supervisor - BillENZ	920-863-6889	Town Shop - Dan Kasten	920-863-6515
Supervisor - Pat VanGroll	920-863-8477	Assessor - Scott Tennesen	920-423-3502
Building Inspector - Roger Mayer	920-973-5270		

**CULVERT PERMITS** - Culvert permits are required. Application forms can be obtained by calling the Town Chairman at 920-639-0555.

**PHRAGMITES** – Landowner sign up went well and we reached about 90% participation. If you have these noxious weeds on your property that still need removal, please contact Town Clerk for permission form to treat.

**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. For new home permits contact Town Clerk. See website for more information.

**2020 US CENSUS** – will be held in the spring of 2020. The data obtained from this Census Survey will be used to allocate federal dollars to communities and will also be used to determine the number of seats each state will have in the US House of Representatives. A complete and accurate count is crucial to ensure that our communities receive our full share of funding and representation. You should receive the 2020 US Census form by mail in March of 2020. You will be able to complete the form by either by paper, internet or telephone. Lastly, please be sure to use the location that you spend most of your time throughout the year, if you have multiple residences, when completing the 2020 Census form. The Town of Cooperstown thanks you and we look forward to a complete and accurate Census count. [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

Tax Rate	2018	Rate	2019	Rate
State	\$ 0.00	0.000000	\$ 0.00	0.000000
County	\$ 670634.01	6.514761	\$ 687,935.13	6.636431
Local	\$ 290,729.00	2.824238	\$ 301,501.00	2.908546
Denmark School	\$ 907,536.02	9.412399	\$ 998,689.00	10.281750
Mishicot School	\$ 11,022.00	9.329609	\$ 11,636.00	9.918173
Reedsville School	\$ 75,513.05	14.140756	\$ 72,157.13	13.474721
NWTC	\$ 86,525.48	.897388	\$ 91,795.79	.945060
LTC	\$ 5,662.50	.868282	\$ 6,027.90	.923363