

## Dog License Reminders



The Town of Dodgeville would like to remind residents that all dogs must be licensed regardless if the dog is an outside dog or an inside dog. All residents are required to license ALL dogs that live on their premises. The Town of Dodgeville is working very diligently to get as many people to license their animals as we feel the licensing is very important for our safety and yours. The Town of Dodgeville has sent out renewal forms to current licensed dog owners. We have also included an application with the tax bills to remind Town residents to please license their dog(s). Please remember these five things:

- All dogs over five (5) months of age are required to have both a current rabies vaccination and county dog license and are required to wear both tags at all times with a few exceptions.
- Any new dog brought into Iowa County must be licensed within 30 days of its arrival.
- Dog licenses are valid for one calendar year, January 1st thru December 31st of the same year.
- The licensing deadline is April 1st each year; failure to license by this date will result in late penalties and/or the issuance of citations from the Iowa County Humane Officer.
- It is a pet owner's responsibility to ensure that ALL DOGS are in compliance as required by law. Reminders are sent out by municipalities as a courtesy only and do not relieve the pet owner of the obligation to be in compliance with the vaccination and licensing requirements.

## Additional Town News & Updates via E-mail

The Town of Dodgeville is continuing to explore the opportunity to provide Town of Dodgeville residents additional information via e-mail as social media becomes more popular and postage continues to increase. This is not in lieu of getting all specific information (newsletter and tax bills) by mail. If you would be interested in receiving additional correspondence via e-mail please e-mail you physical address, and e-mail address to twnclerk@mhtc.net. Town residents will be responsible for maintaining a valid e-mail address on file with the Clerk/Treasurer.

### Town Contacts are as follows:

<b>Curt Peterson, Chairman</b>	<b>935-9023</b>
<b>David Gollon, Supervisor</b>	<b>935-2098</b>
<b>David Blume, Supervisor</b>	<b>341-0062</b>
<b>Peter Vanderloo, Supervisor</b>	<b>341-8643</b>
<b>Steven Johnson, Supervisor</b>	<b>935-9107</b>
<b>Town Hall</b>	<b>935-5808</b>

**Normal Business hours are Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**The voicemail at the Town Hall will be changed when the Clerk is out of the office for meetings, training, vacation, illness, etc. If you have correspondence for the Clerk/Treasurer and she is not in the office you may place it in the black mailbox located outside the Town Hall.**

## Comprehensive Plan & Survey

The Town Planning Commission is currently reviewing each element of the Comprehensive Plan as it has been ten years since the adoption of the existing plan. The review process is currently taking place at the Regular Plan Commission meetings. These meeting are held the last Monday of the month and begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The agendas will be posted at our posting locations as well as on the Township website. These meetings are open to the public and individuals that would like to participate are encouraged to attend the meetings. The Plan Commission will be drafting a survey seeking the input from the residents and landowners on several topics that are in the existing plan. The Town Plan Commission encourages individuals to fill out the survey and return it so your opinion can be heard. **Please keep you eye open for this survey to appear in your mailbox later this Spring.**

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# TOWN OF DODGEVILLE NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2015

## Property Tax Facts - Dodgeville School District

Jurisdiction	2014 Tax Rate	2015 Tax Rate	Dollar Amount Change
State of Wisconsin	0.16469	0.16374	Less than 1 cent
Iowa County	5.888825	5.74516	(\$0.14) cents
Town of Dodgeville	2.06594	2.27409	\$0.20 cents
SW Tech College	1.21601	1.20169	(\$0.01) cent
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>9.33489</b>	<b>9.38468</b>	<b>\$0.05 cents</b>
Dodgeville School	10.72625	9.96147	(\$0.76) cents
Less State Schl Credit	-1.84268	-2.04665	(\$0.21) cents
<b>Final Net Mill Rate</b>	<b>18.2190</b>	<b>17.2995</b>	<b>(\$0.92) cents</b>

\*\*\*The Dollar Amount change is an approximation only\*\*\*

The chart above breaks down the total mill rate for 2015 by jurisdictions. The total mill rate for residents and land that resides in the Dodgeville School District decreased by approximately \$0.92 per thousand dollars of evaluation in which the mass majority of the decrease was from the Dodgeville School District and the increase in the state school credit as indicated in the chart.

## Stray Animals in the Town of Dodgeville

The Town Board is requesting if any individual finds a stray animal in the Town of Dodgeville that the individual contacts Clerk/Treasurer Sara Olson at the Town Hall (608) 935-5808 during office hours or (608) 482-0877 if after hours prior to taking the animal to the Iowa County Humane Society as we had 443 licensed animals in the Township in 2015 and would like to try to find the owner, save the owner money and get the lost animal home as quickly as possible. The Town of Dodgeville will be contracting with the Iowa County Humane Society for the housing of the Townships stray animals in 2016. The cost of this service is \$125 per dog and \$75 per cat and \$125 for a mother cat with kittens that is taken into the Iowa County Humane Society under the contract and is funded by the Township taxpayers.

## Photo ID

Most Wisconsin voters will need to show an acceptable photo ID to vote. It's the law. The next scheduled primary if needed, will be February 16, 2016. There will be the Presidential Preference Primary and the Spring Election on April 5, 2016. There is no special "Voter ID" card.

There are many forms of Photo ID, which you may already have, that can be used to vote. If you are a registered voter you will need to show one of the following to receive a ballot:

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- Military ID card issued by the U.S. Uniformed Services
- A U.S. passport book or card

The following photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes:

- A certification or naturalization (that has been issued no earlier than two years before the date of the election)
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- A driver license receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from the date issued)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from the date issued)
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university, college, or technical college that contains the following: date the card was issued, signature of student and expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. The university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment, such as a tuition fee receipt, enrollment verification letter, or class schedule.

An acceptable Photo ID for voting **does not** have to include a current address. If you are eligible to vote but do not have a Wisconsin driver license or ID card, you may obtain a free ID for purposes of voting from the DMV. I recommend you apply for the ID as soon as possible. Contact the Department of Motor Vehicles service center for more information on obtaining a free ID for voting at (608) 264-7447 or on-line at <http://wisconsin.gov>.

\*Indefinitely confined voters and voters in special care facilities when voting absentee, active military & permanent overseas voters when voting absentee and confidential voters are exempt.

## Burning Permits

Burning Permits are required by **all township residents** who are going to burn. The following are exempt from this permit requirement:

- A) Persons who burn materials in a stove, furnace or incinerator inside a building.
- B) Persons who burn charcoal or other combustible materials for domestic cooking outdoors.
- C) Persons who burn brush and other combustibles outdoors at any time during the months of June through December, and when there is snow on the ground during the months of January through May, unless a burn ban is declared.

ALL FIRES must be attended when burning and completely extinguished prior to leaving. Burning permits are required anytime the ground is not snow covered January 1st - May 31st. Persons wishing to burn should contact their local DNR office, Emergency Fire Warden, or Local Officials before burning to find out if a burning permit should be obtained. Failure to comply with these restrictions may result in a citation from the Department of Natural Resources. The DNR office has declared Sara Olson (Town Clerk/Treasurer) as the Emergency Fire Warden for the Town of Dodgeville. Sara Olson may be reached at (608) 935-5808 during normal business hours Monday - Friday or you may stop by the Town Hall at 108 E. Leffler Street, Dodgeville.

**BURNING PERMITS ARE FREE.**

## Town Election Information

### IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

Preparations are underway and deadlines for the 2016 Spring Election are quickly approaching. If you are thinking of running for an elected position, now is the time to get materials together and declare your candidacy! The Spring Election will be on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 and candidacy filing for that election is due by January 5, 2016. The important dates are as follows:

December 1, 2015	First day to circulate nomination papers
December 28, 2015	Deadline to submit notification of non-candidacy
January 5, 2016	Deadline to submit nomination papers (5:00 p.m.)
February 16, 2016	Spring Primary Election

The Town of Dodgeville will have two positions expiring in April 2016. They are Town Board Supervisors, David Gollon and Peter Vanderloo. They have the option of seeking re-election and all have expressed interest in continuing to serve. Any qualified residents of the town can run for one of the positions. To run for one of these positions you must be a qualified elector, which means a United States Citizen, 18 years or older, and have resided in the Town of Dodgeville for a minimum of twenty-eight consecutive days at the time of filing your candidacy papers.

All positions serve a two year term and their responsibilities are defined in State Statutes. In general Town Board Supervisors oversee: employees, contracts, roads, taxation, budgets, public works, land use and planning. They are paid via a per diem for their work.

Having the time to commit to any elected position is important and can vary. The Town of Dodgeville Board has monthly regular board meetings the first Tuesday of each month in the evening and sporadic additional special meetings. Participation is not limited to once a month meetings. Some Town Board members serve on the Plan Commission or other sub-committees, attend County/State/Federal meetings, attend training sessions, conduct site visits (roads, developments) and spend time educating and communicating with constituents about issues.

## Snow Plowing Etiquette Reminders

The Town of Dodgeville wanted to remind individuals of the following:

- Please don't put debris, materials or other objects in the road right-of-way without obtaining proper approval from the Town of Dodgeville. The Town of Dodgeville has the right to request that these items be removed at the individuals expense.
- The Township has the right to bill for any damages that are caused by your equipment (skid steers, plows, etc.) on the roadway or in the right-of-way.
- Per State Statues 86.01, 86.07 and 346.97, it is illegal for persons to leave deposits of any materials on highways. This includes snow from a private driveway. Fines of up to \$200 for persistent or repeated violations may be levied.
- Please make sure that you are depositing the snow from your private driveway on your own property.
- The Town does not have an obligation to clear snow out or away from driveway entrances.
- The Township wants to remind residents to shovel around their mailboxes to reduce the chances of the snow being discharged from the plow and damaging your mailbox.
- The Town's goal is to maintain the roads in good winter driving conditions as weather, equipment and budgets allow.
- Please give the plow trucks extra room and be patient if you get behind one.