

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.

Town News, Important Information & Updates E-mail List

The Town of Dodgeville is going to provide the Town of Dodgeville residents with 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 your 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:

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

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

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

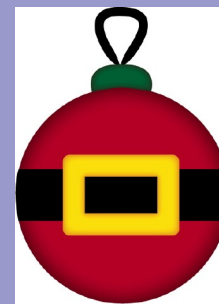
The voicemail at the Town Hall will be changed when the Clerk is out of the office for meetings, training, vacation, illness, etc. If you have correspondence for the Clerk/Treasurer and she is not in the office you may place it in the black mailbox located outside the Town Hall.

Town Road Projects

The Town of Dodgeville completed several road projects in 2015. The Town of Dodgeville replaced the bridge on Blotz Road through the Local Bridge Program. The Town of Dodgeville also sealcoated the following roads: McGraw, Lawinger, Dunbar, Rohowetz, the upper portion of Wilson Road and Evans Quarry Road.

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TOWN OF DODGEVILLE NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2016

Property Tax Facts - Dodgeville School District

Jurisdiction	2015 Tax Rate	2016 Tax Rate	Dollar Amount Change
State of Wisconsin	0.16374	0.15955	(Less than 1 cent)
Iowa County	5.74516	5.96725	\$0.22 cents
Town of Dodgeville	2.27409	2.27173	Less than 1 cent
SW Tech College	1.20169	1.17723	(\$0.02) cent
Sub-Total	9.38468	9.57576	\$0.19 cents
Dodgeville School	9.96147	10.81709	\$0.86 cents
Less State Schl Credit	-2.04665	-1.97615	\$0.07 cents
Final Net Mill Rate	17.2995	18.4167	\$1.12 cents

The Dollar Amount change is an approximation only

The chart above breaks down the total mill rate for 2016 by jurisdictions. The total mill rate for residents and land that resides in the Dodgeville School District increased by approximately \$1.12 per thousand dollars of evaluation in which the mass majority of the increase was from the Dodgeville School District and Iowa County as indicated in the chart. This means that a taxpayer that has approximately \$200,000 in assessed value could see a increase of approximately \$224.00. The mill rate for the River Valley School District is \$17.41463.

Smart Growth & Quality of Life Survey

The Town of Dodgeville Planning Commission is currently in the process of reviewing our Comprehensive Plan to determine if the Plan needs to be amended. Enclosed in your tax bill envelope you will find a smart growth and quality of life survey. This is a brief three question survey in regards to the current land use element. Please take time to fill this survey out and return it to the Town Office at 108 E. Leffler Street by January 16th, 2017. Additional copies of the survey as well as the Land Use Map that corresponds with the survey is available to view at the Town Hall or at the Township website www.townofdodgeville.com. The Town Planning Commission thanks you in advance for participating in the survey.

Survey Deadline: January 16th, 2017

Recycling Center Hours

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Wednesday's 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday's 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Due to the holidays the Recycling Center will be open on Friday, December 23rd and Friday, December 30th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. versus Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

Driveway Reminders

The Town of Dodgeville wanted to remind individuals that have field access driveways of the following:

- Please utilize your existing permitted driveway versus driving off of the road and into your fields or property. The Township realizes that is convenient to just drive off the road and enter a field however your equipment can ruin the slope of the ditch and cause drainage issues in the future.
- The Town road is not to be utilized as a turn-around for farm equipment. We ask that you please turn around in the field to alleviate damage to the Town roads.
- Please place gravel on your driveway when necessary if you are bringing out large amounts of mud onto the roadway. The mud left on the Town Road can become a safety hazard and if an accident occurs you may be responsible or may be asked to remove the debris.
- Please make sure that you have adequate waterways or erosion control that keeps your soil from plugging up your driveway culverts. We had several plugged culverts that were full of dirt, soil, and rocks that caused flooding issues this past year.
- Please remember that as the landowner you are responsible for replacing your existing driveway culvert when it is in need of replacement.
- The Township has the right to bill for any damages that are caused by your equipment on the roadway or in the right-of-way.
- 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.

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

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IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

Preparations are underway and deadlines for the 2017 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 4, 2017 and candidacy filing for that election is due by January 3, 2017. The important dates are as follows:

December 1, 2016	First day to circulate nomination papers
December 23, 2016	Deadline to submit notification of non-candidacy
January 3, 2017	Deadline to submit nomination papers (5:00 p.m.)
February 21, 2017	Spring Primary Election
April 4, 2017	Spring General Election

The Town of Dodgeville will have three positions expiring in April 2017. They are Town Chairman Curt Peterson and Town Board Supervisors, David Blume and Steven Johnson. They have the option of seeking re-election. 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 ten 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.
- Please do not park vehicles in the road right-of-way as this creates a safety hazard.