

Village of Cameron

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dog licensing >>>

Tag Your Wag!

Did you know that “Fido” is required to be licensed?

Annually, dogs are required to be tagged per WI Stat. 174.05 as well as show proof of rabies vaccination(s) per WI Stat. 95.21(2). The annual fee is \$5.00 if spayed or neutered or \$10 if not spayed or neutered. The fee is per each dog tag. Stop at the Village Hall to register your dog(s). Don't forget your dog's rabies certification from your veterinary clinic.

For more information go to
<https://www.barroncountywi.gov>



New Look with New Website

The Village has a new website and a new domain name. Check out our new website at www.cameronwi.gov. New information will be added as time allows so keep checking back.

The Village will go live with a new look online by November 1st. The new website has some pretty neat features so be sure to go online and check it out. Features such as having the ability to subscribe to specific topics of interest with email notifications, easier access to information, an urgent message

scroll, forms and applications, maps, notices of events, event highlights, and better transparency for the citizens in Cameron. Feel free to make suggestions in the Contact page. All will be considered as we continue to add text and make updates.

Utility Updates

*Auto Pay up and running
plus a new integration*

Integrating our software with Allpaid has allowed customers to see their current balances live online.

We have received positive feedback for AutoPay for utility payments! Signing up with AutoPay is free and there are no service charges. For those that still want to pay online with Allpaid we have integrated your utility account balances so you can see your live balance online now. You can go to our website at www.cameronwi.gov and click on Pay Online. Just be sure to enter your street address how its on your utility bill and the dashes in your account number as well.

Clerk-Treasurer Retiring

Roger has decided that after 21 years he is hanging up his hat and welcoming more golf outings and Viking games!

**Please join us
for an
OPEN HOUSE
on November 20, 2024
any time between
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
to wish
Roger farewell.**

Light snacks and appetizers will be served. Roger's last day in the office will be November 29, 2024.

Did You Know?

You can sign up for eStatements without signing up for Auto Pay. Just contact the Village Hall and provide an email and an eStatement will be emailed on the first of the month.

from the Public Works Director's desk >>>

Public Works News

A reminder that the seasonal no parking begins November 1st to April 1st whereas no parking in streets 2:00 to 6:00 a.m. Refer to Village Ordinance Ch. 30, Article V, Sec. 30.

Snow plowing season is coming and just a reminder to residents to pay attention to the ordinances. A reminder for those that have sidewalks to remove the snow within 24 hours. Refer to Village Ordinance Ch. 28, Article IV., Sec. 28-81.

The Public Works crew will be out jetting all of the Village Sanitary Sewer mains prior to winter. If you see the large yellow sewer truck out and about know that is what they are working on. The Village Sanitary Sewer System consists of 11.5 miles of sanitary sewer mains ranging from 8"-12" diameter pipes ranging from depths of 6'-25' in depth. The crew also takes care of 4 sanitary sewer lift stations located all around the Village. These 4 Lift Stations have 2-3 electric submersible pumps that handle all the Village wastewater. The final destination for the Village wastewater is at the Barron - Cameron sewer plant located in the City of Barron.

from the Clerk-Treasurer >>>

VOTING With a presidential election year [Election is Tuesday, November 5th] we are anticipating a high voting turnout. Please be patient in the line. Just a little reminder you can request an absentee ballot until November 1, 2024 per the Wisconsin Elections Commission; however, I would recommend you allow mailing time of five days as well as up to five days for returning the ballot. You may drop the absentee ballot off at the Village Hall. **Reminder: Polls are open on Tuesday, November 5th from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

In person absentee voting begins Tuesday, October 22, 2024. You may vote in person at the Village Hall, 300 N 1st St, Cameron. Please be sure to bring ID with you. In person absentee voting is during regular business hours 8-4 p.m.

Check out myVote at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> It is user friendly and has a multitude of information on it including registering to vote, requesting absentees, where to vote, what's on the ballot, and more!

PROPERTY TAXES Reminder that property tax bills will be out by WI Statute the third Monday of December. Payments can be made in 2024 or by the deadline January 31, 2025.

For those wanting to know more about your properties and how assessment works, the DOR (Department of Revenue) has a great 38-page booklet discussing property assessment, taxes, tax levies, etc. It's located at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb060.pdf>

Per WI Stat. 66.0809 municipalities mail notices for Delinquent Utilities and submittal to the Tax Roll. These notices were mailed to tenants and property owners for any delinquent utilities unpaid thru September 30, 2024. Payment(s) must be received by November 1st or a 10% penalty will be issued. By November 15th any unpaid will be forwarded to County as a special assessment to the real estate property taxes.

WHATS NEW Donations are always welcomed and accepted at the Cameron Food Pantry. The Cameron Food Pantry has recently received an addition which was funded by the federal ARPA funds. The Cameron Food Pantry will also have a web page on the village's website at www.cameronwi.gov listing hours open, contact info, how to donate monies as well as food, etc.

The Cameron Food Pantry is open Tuesdays 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Located directly behind the Village Hall 300 N 1st Street... from CTH SS go west on Birch Street... between the Village Hall and Turning Headz Hair Studio.

Did You Know?

Building permits are required for fences, window replacements, roofing, any structure, and even accessory sheds (aka yard barns)? The Building Inspector can answer your questions! Bill Koepp can be reached at 715-790-3688.

Utility Tidbits, Tips, and FAQ's

You can help ... and frequently asked questions we receive, answered.

We need your help ... it appears more in the Northern Wisconsin area that w/s utilities are experiencing partial, late, and non-payment of utilities resulting in delinquent utilities. When payments aren't made it means more postage, paper, and labor to process. You can help by paying your utility bills on time. If you're struggling to make ends meet please communicate that to us and we can set up a payment plan.

How does this help you? By paying the utility bill on time and regularly the village has less liabilities for the water/sewer utilities. When the village applies for grants the revenues and expenditures are reviewed. When finances show delinquent utilities, that could *potentially* hurt us for grant opportunities. Keeping the utility enterprise fund level aids in a better representation of finances. When the village obtains loans to replace or repair water/sewer main lines, the loan payments are ultimately paid by the water/sewer revenues which are generated by utility rate tariffs. The less grant monies, the higher the loans borrowed. This increases rates.

On average we currently have approximately \$15-18,000 in delinquent utilities every month.

Frequently Asked Question's:

Q: How do I pay my Utility Bill?

A: There are a few options:

- Sign up for Auto Pay; its free.
- Pay on our website by credit card using our 3rd party provider, Allpaid. There is a small fee of 2.95% of total amount.
- Call us to pay over the phone ... NOTE: This method is the same as #2 above. We are entering it online thru the website.
- Pay at the Village Hall via cash, check, money order, card during the hours of Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Drop off payment in our Dropbox located outside our main doors - available 24/7. Dropbox is checked daily.

Q: I'm moving into or out of the Village, who do I contact?

A: Call Village Hall at 715-458-2117, Press 1. We can help get your account set up. To move out notify the Hall and we'll get a final meter read and generate a final utility bill.

A PSC Application was submitted 10/10/24 for a 4.1% increase in water utility rates to be effective January 1, 2025.

UTILITY TIPS – Using a lot of water each month? Here are some tips to consider:

- 1) Fix Leaks Promptly – whether it's a constant drip or an occasional drip from your faucet, that small drip can add up to 300 gallons a month;
- 2) Invest in Water-Saving Appliances; - have an old washing machine? Older washers use up to 40 -45 gal of water each load whereas newer ones use 10 – 25 gal.
- 3) Install Water-Efficient Fixtures;
- 4) Adopt Efficient Water Practices;
- 5) Turn Off Your Water - Whether it's fixing leaks, shutting off the tap while doing dishes, or using a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways, every drop counts.

Did You Know...

You can drop your drug prescriptions off at the Village Hall?

Prescription Drugs

You can drop your unused, expired prescription drugs off at the Village Hall. Place in the green metal box just inside the door. No need to take the labels off unless you want to.

The bagged Rx are taken to the Barron County Incinerator and destroyed in an environmentally safe manner.

Did You Know...

Garbage Services

Due to the recent garbage audit you may have received a letter or you may notice a change on your November utility bill for your garbage service. This is due to the audit identifying the cart(s) you had on site. If you have questions on these changes please contact the Village Hall at 715-458-2117, Press 1.

NOTE: All residential homes must contact the Village Hall for any changes to their garbage cart(s) and start/stop of service.

Commercial accounts can contact Republic directly as they get billed directly from Republic, and not the Village.

Garbage Cleanup Day – Look for notices on our website at www.cameronwi.gov for dates in Spring for a Spring Cleanup. Options in the interim are taking bulky items to the Barron County Incinerator just South of Almena. (715) 637-6890. Fees are reasonable. White goods and electronic devices can be taken to First Choice in Eau Claire. They can be reached at (715) 833-2005 or visit <https://firstchoicerecycling.com/>

Burn Regulations in the Village

- Burn hours are 6:00 p.m. to midnight. No burning outside of these hours.
- Burn permits are obtained from the Police Dept – contact the Village Hall and leave your name, address, date burning and material being burned with the office staff
- No garbage shall be burned
- No burning within 25 ft of any building
- Fires must be inside a fire pit, outside fireplace, grill, basket or metal enclosure
- Any person who burns leaves in a negligent manner shall be subject to a charge by the Cameron Area Fire District

Library Offers More Than Just Books....



Most people know about the wealth of stories available at the library, from picture books and large print to audiobooks and ebooks. But there's so much more to the story of libraries.

Libraries are welcoming spaces that bring communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, storytimes, movie nights, crafting classes, lectures, and more. The Cameron Library offers a wide array of educational and recreational programs, classes and resources. Many items are available for check-out including board games, crafting items, dementia care products, puzzles, movies and so much more!

Libraries also play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, businesses, and entrepreneurs.

Whether your goal is to learn a new skill, research and information seeking, entertainment, self-improvement or simply life enrichment, the library is for you! Select a hot beverage from our Keurig cart and enjoy meeting your friends or colleagues for a fireside gathering in our living room. Take advantage of in-house activities available for both adults and children. All services, materials and programs are provided at no charge and are available to everyone.

For more information, visit the library's website at <https://cameronpl.org> or check us out on Facebook. The library is located at 506 West Main Street in Cameron.

Reminders...

A few friendly reminders from the Village Ordinances:

Sec. 30-303. - Parking of trailers regulated. Except for the purposes of making deliveries or pickups from a residence, no person shall park any trailer in any residential district in the village. (Code § 7.07(7))

Sec. 4-83. - Dogs running at large and untagged dogs.

(a) Dogs running at large. A dog is considered to be running at large if it is off the premises of its owner and not under the control of the owner or some other person, as defined in section 4-80.

coming spring >>>

Next Issue

Coming March/April 2025

Public Board Meetings

Village Board Meetings and Committee meetings are all public and open to anyone attending, unless in closed session.

Regular Board meetings are once a month, the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

Meetings are posted 24 hrs in advance of meetings by WI Statute.

Village of Cameron

The Village Hall and Police Department is located at:

300 N 1st St
Cameron, WI 54822

Mailing Address:
PO Box 387
Cameron, WI 54822

Phone: 715-458-2117
Website: www.cameronwi.gov