

Driveway/Road Right-of-Way Reminders

The Town of Dodgeville wants to remind individuals 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 it 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.
- 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. Per State Statutes 86.01, 86.07 and 346.97, it is illegal for persons to leave deposits of any materials on highways.
- 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 or ice buildup issues this past year.
- Please do not park your vehicles alongside the roadway or in the road right-of-way during the winter season. Vehicles in the roadway or right-of-way are safety concerns and hazards as we are trying to clear the roadway and push the snow back. Individuals who park in the roadway or right-of-way may assume responsibility if damages occur.
- Please don't put debris, materials or other objects including signs 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 or will be removed at the individuals expense.

2024 Town Highlights

Equipment

The Town of Dodgeville purchased a new 2025 MACK tandem plow truck as well as a 2023 Chevy Silverado with a v-plow.

Road Projects

The Town of Dodgeville completed several road projects in 2024 including: sealcoating of Dunbar Rd, Korback Rd, Survey Rd, Berg Rd, Park Ridge Rd, and Savannah Terrace. The Town of Dodgeville also paved James Road as well as replaced the existing culverts with new culverts.

New Full-Time Patrolman

The Town Board has hired Chad Whitford as Dodgeville's new full-time Town Patrolman. Chad and his wife Amy have lived in Mineral Point for the last 28 years. They have two children: Will and Nora. Chad has been a Patrolman for Mineral Point Township for the last 4 years and was an explosive engineer for Ahlgren Explosives for 23 years.

When you have the opportunity please welcome Chad Whitford to our township!

Town Contacts are as follows:

Curt Peterson, Chairman	935-9023
Peter Vanderloo, Supervisor	341-8643
Kyle Levetzow, Supervisor	935-3797
David Pope, Supervisor	
Pam Johnson-Loy	935-9371
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 drop box located to the left of the Town Hall office door.

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TOWN OF DODGEVILLE NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2024

Property Tax Facts - Dodgeville School District

Jurisdiction	2023 Tax Rate	2024 Tax Rate	Dollar Amount Change
State of Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	
Iowa County	7.898	7.199	\$(0.70) cents
Town of Dodgeville	2.147	2.130	\$(0.02) cents
SW Tech College	1.276	1.225	\$(0.05) cents
Sub-Total	11.321	10.554	\$(0.77) cents
Dodgeville School	10.111	8.381	\$(1.73) cents
Less State School Credit	-2.108	-2.224	\$(0.12) cents
Final Net Mill Rate	19.324	16.712	\$(2.62)

The Dollar Amount change is an approximation only

The chart above breaks down the total mill rate for 2024 by jurisdictions. The total mill rate for parcels in the Dodgeville School District decreased by approximately \$2.62 per thousand dollars of evaluation. The majority of the decrease was from Dodgeville School and Iowa County as indicated in the chart. This means that a taxpayer that has approximately \$200,000 in assessed value could see a decrease in the net tax of approximately \$524.00 prior to receiving available credits.



RECYCLING CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS

Thursday, December 26th	-	2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 2nd	-	2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The Town of Dodgeville Recycling Center will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and Wednesday, January 1st due to the holiday.

RECYCLING CENTER REMINDERS

The Town of Dodgeville wants to remind all residents that individuals must break down their cardboard prior to placing it into the cardboard containers due to the large amount of materials we receive. Individuals are also reminded to please sign the sign-in sheet when utilizing the Recycling Center. These sign-in sheets help monitor who is utilizing the facility.

Please do not park near the sanding material storage area during a snow or ice event. This creates a safety issue for our Town Patrolmen who are loading the trucks with sanding material.

Dog License Reminders



The Town of Dodgeville would like to remind residents that all dogs must be licensed whether 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 and is required by law. 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 it's 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 licensed 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.

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 the ground is completely snow covered 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 completely snow covered January 1st - May 31st. Persons wishing to burn may obtain a burning permit by going to the DNR website <http://dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits/> or by stopping into the Town Hall during normal business hours. 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.

Snow Plowing Etiquette Reminders

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

- 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.
- 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. **Reminder it is illegal to push snow across any public roadway. Please remind private contractors of this law as well.**
- The Town does not have an obligation to clear snow out of or away from driveway entrances.
- 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.
- Please make sure that you are depositing the snow from your private driveway on your own property.
- By State Statute 81.15 the Town has three (3) weeks to remove natural snow and ice accumulation. 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.

Town Election Information

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

Deadlines for the 2025 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 1, 2025 and candidacy filing for that election is due by January 7, 2025. The important dates are as follows:

December 1, 2024	First day to circulate nomination papers
December 27, 2024	Deadline to submit notification of non-candidacy
January 7, 2025	Deadline to submit nomination papers (5:00 p.m.)
February 18, 2025	Spring Primary Election
April 1, 2025	Spring General Election

The Town of Dodgeville will have three open positions up for election in April 2025. They are Town Chairman Curt Peterson and Town Board Supervisors, David Pope and Kyle Levetzow. 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 twenty-eight consecutive days at the time of filing your candidacy papers.

All elected officials 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 an annual salary of \$500.00 and a per diem per board meeting for their work.

Having the time to commit to any elected position is important. 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.