

## Driveway/Road Right-of-Way

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. This past year, we've had several plugged culverts full of dirt, soil, and rocks that caused flooding or ice buildup issues.
- 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.

## 2025 Town Highlights & Upcoming Projects

The Town of Dodgeville completed several road projects in 2025 including: sealcoating of Esch Road and Rohowetz Road, asphalt overlays on Reynolds Rd, Lehner Rd and Brue Rd and replaced multiple culverts on Norwegian Hollow Road. The Town of Dodgeville was able to complete two rounds of mowing with our new mower tractor.

The Town of Dodgeville will be reconstructing the parking lot area by the Recycling Center in 2026 as well as replacing the compactor. The Town of Dodgeville will also be replacing a bridge like structure on Section Line Road and sealcoating 5 miles of roadway. The Town of Dodgeville has applied for 50/50 state funding for resurfacing 5 tenths of a mile on Norwegian Hollow Road.

## Recognition

The Town Board would like to thank full-time patrolman, Kevin Zajicek and part-time patrolmen, Randy Beerkircher, Jim Rochon, Gene Dougherty and Dan Judd for the great job they did maintaining the Town Roads this year. The Town Board would also like to thank Aaron Fitzsimmons for his services running the Recycling Center and Clerk/Treasurer Sara Olson for her 17 years of dedicated service to the 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, Supervisor	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 2025

## Property Tax Facts - Dodgeville School District

Jurisdiction	2024 Tax Rate	2025 Tax Rate	Dollar Amount Change
State of Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	
Iowa County	7.199	7.277	\$0.08 cents
Town of Dodgeville	2.130	2.105	\$(-0.02) cents
SW Tech College	1.225	1.247	\$0.02 cents
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>10.554</b>	<b>10.629</b>	<b>\$0.08 cents</b>
Dodgeville School	8.381	8.889	\$0.51 cents
Less State School Credit	-2.224	-2.015	\$0.20 cents
<b>Final Net Mill Rate</b>	<b>16.712</b>	<b>17.502</b>	<b>\$0.79</b>

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

The chart above breaks down the total mill rate for 2025 by jurisdictions. The total mill rate for parcels in the Dodgeville School District increased by approximately \$0.79 per thousand dollars of evaluation. The majority of the increase was from Dodgeville School and less state school credit as indicated in the chart. This means that a taxpayer that has approximately \$200,000 in assessed value could see a increase in the net tax of approximately \$158.00 prior to receiving available credits.

## RECYCLING CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS

Tuesday, December 23rd	-	2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 30th	-	2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**The Town of Dodgeville Recycling Center will be closed on Wednesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 31st due to the holiday.**

## RECYCLING CENTER REMINDERS

The Town of Dodgeville wants to remind all residents that individuals must **break down their cardboard boxes** prior to placing it into the cardboard containers due to the large number of boxes we receive. Individuals are also reminded to please sign the sign-in sheet when utilizing the Recycling Center.

**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.

## Public Safety Concerns - Driveways

The Town of Dodgeville has recently been notified by our contracted ambulance and fire service provider that there are driveways in which low hanging branches or trees are preventing safe access. These branches or trees can cause damage to the safety equipment and a delay in services as emergency providers must walk or utilize other equipment or resources to get to the individual or property needing services. A fire truck is approximately 15 feet wide and 13 feet high. The Town of Dodgeville is asking residence to please maintain their driveways and provide a safe clear pathway.

## 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.**
- Please make sure that you are depositing the snow from your private driveway on your own property.
- Please give the plow trucks extra room and be patient if you get behind one.

## 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.

## Town Election Information

### IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

Deadlines for the 2026 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 7, 2026 and candidacy filing for that election is due by January 6, 2026. The important dates are as follows:

December 1, 2025	First day to circulate nomination papers
December 26, 2025	Deadline to submit notification of non-candidacy
January 6, 2026	Deadline to submit nomination papers (5:00 p.m.)
February 17, 2026	Spring Primary Election
April 7, 2026	Spring General Election

The Town of Dodgeville will have two open positions up for election in April 2026. They are Town Board Supervisors, Peter Vanderloo and Pam Johnson-Loy. 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.