



Town of Port Washington Winter/Tax Collection Newsletter 2012

As 2012 comes to a close there are always many items to wrap up before the New Year. You'll find in this newsletter pertinent information regarding your property tax bills, payment locations and mailing options along with dog license application and fee's due at the same time.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Town Hall-Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday

8:30AM –4:00PM

& by appointment

Jennifer Schlenvogt- Town Clerk

Phone: 262-284-5235

Email: townofport@sbcglobal.net

Web: www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort

*Enjoy this Holiday Season
with your Families !!
-Jennifer Schlenvogt ,Clerk*

Visit our **WEBSITE**

for information on:

- Building permits
- Zoning code
- Meeting Agenda's
- Meeting Minutes
- Election info.
- Zoning Map
- Contact Info.
- 2035 Comprehensive Plan

Voting Information

Contact the Town Clerk

for information regarding:

- New voter registration applications
- Change of address or name
- Military or overseas ballots
- Absentee ballots

These forms can also be downloaded from the Government Accountability

Board website:

gab.wi.gov/Forms

Voter ID is not currently required to vote in Wisconsin.

2013 Election Dates:

February 19th– Spring Primary

April 2nd– Spring General Election



The Town of Port Washington
is entering the digital age!

Look for us, and “LIKE” us on **Facebook!** We've created an informational page meant to keep you up-to-date on the latest news in the Town. Look for the “Town of Port Washington” Page and start following us today!



Would you prefer to receive your Newsletters via email? If so, please email me at: townofport@sbcglobal.net. Include the your Name & mailing address in your email, so that we can remove it from future newsletter mailings. You'll also be saving the Town money. The Newsletter currently costs about \$700 to print and mail.

We realize the internet is not convenient for everyone. You WILL continue to receive your newsletter by mail, unless you notify me otherwise. Our goal is to make the information available to you in the most effective format.



FROM THE TOWN BOARD

The Town Board continues to explore ways to keep your taxes low while provide the same level of service to residents, in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

In 2012, the Town has contracted with private contractors to perform summer road maintenance projects, such as chip sealing, crack filling and ditch-mowing. Garbage and Recycling expenses for 2012 are almost \$17,000 less than was spent in 2011.

The Town Board is currently exploring the possibility of contracting the winter snowplowing responsibilities to a private contractor. In recent years, the snowplowing expense has risen, as well as the number of complaints. In a time of no-increase tax levies, the Town Board feels it must be responsible to the taxpayers by at least requesting bids from outside sources, for comparison.

The Highland Bridge over the Interurban Bike Trail is in need of repairs, replacement, or complete removal. A quote for removal is currently being prepared by an engineer. It is expected that removal of the bridge will be the least expensive option in the long-run, and increase safety for all whose drive this stretch of Highland.

There are also a number of other road projects being explored for the next few years. Birch Road , Birch Lane, Northwoods Road, Towhee Trail and Norport Road are all in need of some repair. A re-construction and widening of Green Bay Road, to improve safety, is also being considered for the near future.

Town Board Meetings are the first Monday of each month at the Town Hall. See the schedule below for upcoming meeting dates.

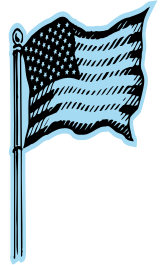
FROM THE PLAN COMMISSION

Amendments to the acreage requirements of the Agriculture-zoned districts is currently being reviewed by the Plan Commission and Town Planner.

Work continues on attracting new business to the Knellsville area, with possible amendments to the strict standards on new development.

Plan Commission Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall.

See the schedule below for upcoming meeting dates.



UPCOMING MEETINGS



ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Have a question, concern or idea on how to make the Town better? Your input is welcome at any upcoming meeting.

Agenda's are posted at the Town Hall, Nisleit's Country Inn, Town Disposal Site & on our website,

www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort

1-2 days before each meeting.

Town Board – 1st Monday of each month @ 7:30 pm

Jan 7, Feb 4, March 4, April 1 and May 6, 2013

Plan Commission- 2nd Wednesday of each month @7:30pm

Jan 9, Feb 13, March 13, April 10 and May 8, 2013

Annual Meeting- Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Open Book with the Assessor – late April 2013

Board of Review – mid May 2013

PERMITS

Building , Electrical , HVAC & Plumbing Permits

These all can be obtained at the Town Hall or by calling the

Building Inspector Richard Fellenz at **262-284-0509**.

All the Town's permits and planning project applications can be printed from our website at:

www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort

Permits can be returned to the Building Inspector, or the Town Hall during open office hours, or by mail.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING - Updates

A year has passed since changes came to the Town of Port residents in how their garbage and recycling is handled. Recent site improvements include fencing, paving and a camera system to identify after-hours dumpers.

DROP-OFF HOURS ARE:

THURSDAYS: 4:00PM – 6:00PM

SATURDAYS: 8:00AM – NOON

To improve traffic flow, we require all cars to enter from Highland Drive, on the south side of the building. This allows for a drive-thru flow of traffic, to eliminate congestion.

Please pull to the side if you plan to socialize, so as to accommodate your neighbors in a hurry.

You may continue to use the 2011 residency card to prove your residency, when necessary. You may also provide a drivers license with your current Town of Port Washington address. Our attendant tends to recognize most Town of Port Washington residents, but it's a good idea to have the card with you, if necessary.

These changes have saved you tax money. In 2011 the total cost for garbage and recycling was \$ 52,382 . For 2012 the total cost for garbage and recycling, including site improvements and employee wages is \$ 35,469 . Though cost-savings was not the sole purpose for the new site, it appears to be a definite result.

If you have any comments or ideas on how the process could be improved, please share them with the Town Board. The Town Board meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

2013 REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

BY MAIL: Include a tear-off stub with your check made out to Town of Port Washington-Treasurer, and mail to:

**Town of Port Washington-Treasurer
2354 Willow Road
Port Washington, WI 53074.**

DO NOT mail back the actual bill.

*If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment .

LOCAL BANK: You may make payments during lobby hours at:

PWSB– Port branch OR Harris Bank- Port branch. If you have a refund coming, payment at the banks is suggested. Refunds can only be made after the entire tax bill has been paid.

IN-PERSON: Payments may be made at the Town Hall during these hours:

Friday, December 21st – 6 - 8 PM

Saturday, December 22 & 29th – 9AM - NOON

Monday, December 31st - 9AM - NOON

Saturday, January 19th – 9AM - NOON

Friday, January 25th - 6 - 8 PM

Saturday, January 26th, 9AM - NOON

Thursday, January 31st 6 - 8 PM

*Happy Holidays to all,
-Mary M. Sampont, Treasurer*

Broadband access in the Town of Port

95% of Wisconsin's land area is within a "Town", however only 30.1% of the state's population lives in a "Town". As we know this is because Townships unlike Cities and Villages are general rural and sparsely populated. The Town of Port Washington very much fits into that category. With a low density of homes technology providers are hesitant to invest in infrastructure and that is understandable.

The Town Board is identifying providers that are currently providing high speed internet to some locations in the Township. To date Time Warner <http://www.timewarnercable.com/Wisconsin> , Bertram Wireless <http://www.bertramwireless.com/> and AT&T U-verse <http://www.att.com/shop/internet> all have some Town of Port Washington customers and are providing a high speed unlimited internet plans.

Residents are encouraged to contact these and other providers directly for specific coverage information. If you know of another service provider that is currently offering a high speed plan let me know.

Mike Didier, Town Supervisor

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Town Fun Fact:

2012 Town of Port Population:

People- 1648

Cattle- 3189

#'s may fluctuate daily!



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