



Town of Port Washington Winter/Tax Collection Newsletter 2014

As 2014 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 payments, dog licenses, garbage & recycling info, and other timely topics.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

There will be special elections in December 2014 and January 2015 to fill the seat of the District 20 State Senator, expected to be vacated by Glenn Grothman. As of the writing of this newsletter, these dates have not yet been determined.

Town Hall / Clerk's Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday
8:30AM - 4:00PM

Jennifer Schlenvogt- Town Clerk

Phone: 262-284-5235

Email: townofport@sbcglobal.net

www.town.port-washington.wi.us

Nov. 4th General Election

results:

Walker/Burke: 588 / 230

Grothman/Harris: 554 / 233

Schimmel/Happ: 571 / 214

Bradley/LaFollette: 517 / 254

Adamczyk/Sartori: 535 / 210

Transportation Fund Referendum:

YES- 606 / NO-107

of registered voters in the

Township: **1098**

November turnout: **823** or **75%**

*Enjoy the Christmas Season with
your Families !!!*

~~~ Jenny Schlenvogt, Clerk

Would you prefer to receive your Newsletter via email?

YES- email your Name & mailing address to : townofport@sbcglobal.net. Your future newsletters will be emailed instead of sent through the mail.

NO- You WILL continue to receive your newsletter by mail, unless you notify us otherwise. We realize the internet is not convenient for everyone.

Our goal is to make the information available to you in the most effective format. Additional copies of the newsletter are available in the clerk's office or at the Town website:
www.town.port-washington.wi.us

Voting Information

Contact the Town Clerk
for information regarding:

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

These forms can also be
downloaded from the Govern-
ment Accountability Board web-
site:

gab.wi.gov/Forms

Voter ID is not currently required
to vote in Wisconsin.



|| Upcoming Election Dates: ||

|| **December ???-** ||

|| Special Primary Election-
District 20 State Senator ||

|| **January ???-** ||

|| Special General Election-
District 20 State Senator ||

|| **February 17th -** ||

|| Spring Primary ||

|| **April 7th -** ||

|| Spring General Election ||

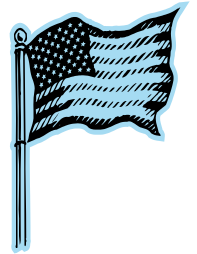
FROM THE TOWN BOARD

- The Town of Port Washington is under contract with Dave's Excavation & Grading for snow removal on Town Roads for 2014-2016. The general consensus of residents is that the roads are being cleared in a timely manner, and for an equivalent amount of money. Sand will be mixed with salt this year due to skyrocketing salt prices.
- Jim's Maintenance is under contract to perform ditch-mowing in 2015. This occurs twice/year in rural areas.
- Lone Wolf Tree Service performs Tree Removal and trimming at the request of the Town Board.

If you have comments or compliments on these services,

please contact a member of the Town Board or Town Clerk at (262) 284-5235.

- The Highland Drive Bridge over the Interurban Bike Trail is expected to be removed in the Summer of 2015. The bridge is in poor condition and lowering the road will increase safety for all who drive this stretch of road. Public input will be sought at a December 1st informational meeting at 6:00pm at the Town Hall.
- There are also a number of other road projects being explored for the next 2-4 years. Green Bay Road between Hwy LL & Hwy 33 will receive an overlay of asphalt, and will be striped with center and edge lines, in an effort to slow traffic down. Northwoods Road will also require an overlay of asphalt. This road creates confusion in that it is a multi-jurisdictional road between the Village of Saukville, Town of Saukville & Town of Port Washington. The road is divided into sections, rather than split down the center of the road, and an agreement is on file as to which municipality is responsible for maintenance and repairs of each portion. Ideally, the 3 municipalities would like to resurface at the same time, but budgets may not allow this to happen. Towhee Trail, Dynna Drive and Norport Drive are also in need of some repair over the next few years.
- 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

- The Plan Commission is currently reviewing road standards as they relate to implements of husbandry. These standards regulate the weight and classification of farm equipment allowed to operate on Town Roads, and the Town's recourse should the road be damaged.
- Plan Commission Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall. See the schedule below for upcoming meeting dates.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

Jan 5, Feb 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4, 2015

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

Jan 14, Feb 11, March 11, April 8 and May 13, 2015

Annual Meeting- Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Open Book with the Assessor – TBD- late April 2015

Board of Review – TBD- mid May 2015

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.town.port-washington.wi.us

3- 4 days before each meeting.

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GARBAGE & RECYCLING

- The Drop-Off Site at 3715 Highland Drive is open for Town of Port residents during the hours of:

THURSDAYS: 4:00PM – 6:00PM

SATURDAYS: 8:00AM – NOON

PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS!!

WEDNESDAY, November 26th: 4:00PM – 6:00PM &

WEDNESDAY, December 24th: 4:00PM – 6:00PM

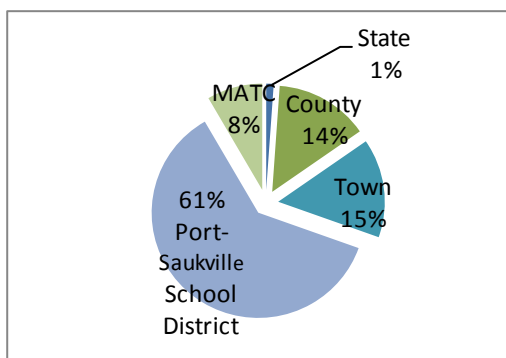
The Drop-Off Site will be CLOSED on the Thursday of these two weeks.

- Please respect the hours as posted. The Attendant needs time to close and open the site, and coming early and late does make his job a little difficult.
- All garbage must be bagged.
- 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 your current residency card to prove 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.
- What does the Drop Off site cost Town tax payers? The following includes disposal costs, site improvements and wages over the last few years:

2011: \$ 52,382, 2012: \$ 45,340, 2013: \$ 32,310, 2014: \$20,402 (estimate)

2014 PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION:

State of Wisconsin:	\$33,265	1.13%
Ozaukee County:	\$420,693	14.24%
Town of Port Wash:	\$444,902	15.06%
PW-S School Dist:	\$1,807,260	61.16%
MATC:	\$248,995	8.43%
TOTAL TAX LEVY:	\$2,955,116	100.00%



Figures from the 2014 Statement of Taxes

Visit our WEBSITE for information on:

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

BUILDING 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.town.port-washington.wi.us

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

ANNEXATION OF TOWN LAND

(By Mike Didier Town Supervisor)

What does the Town of Mequon (Ozaukee County), Town of Lake (Milwaukee), and Town of Preble (Brown County) all have in common? They no longer exist! A town's boundaries can change via annexation, incorporation or consolidation. Since Wisconsin became a state in 1848, the factors noted above have severely eroded the boundaries of towns all across the state from their original six-mile-by-six-mile template, as each was originally set up with via the Public Land Survey System of 1787. Annexation tends to generate the most widespread publicity and is the most common way for a town's geographic boundary shrink.

WHAT IS ANNEXATION ?

Generally speaking, "annexation" is the process used by cities and villages to increase their size through the acquisition of additional land from a town. In most cases, the land which the city or village seeks to acquire needs to be contiguous to the city's or village's existing boundaries. The Town of Port Washington shares boundary lines with the Village of Saukville and the City of Port Washington.

WHY DO VILLAGES AND CITIES ANNEX LAND?

The most common reason is to raise the tax base. Property taxes are the primary source of revenue for local governments. As such, cities and villages have a strong financial incentive to expand their boundaries so they will have a greater bonding capacity due to increased valuation. Also, size and population will enhance its ability to attract desirable commercial development. Since the year 2000 the City of Port Washington annexed approximately 500 acres of land from the Town.

HOW DOES A CITY/ VILLAGE OR LAND OWNER ANNEX LAND?

As outlined in Wis. Stat. § 66.021, there are three common methods that can be used to annex town lands: direct annexation, annexation by referendum, and annexation of certain town islands. Most commonly the process is triggered by a landowner or developer who wants to either connect to municipal sewer or develop the land at a higher density than permitted by the town. This would be an example of direct annexation, where the land owner/owners of the property sign a petition. Then procedural notices are completed including a review by The Wisconsin Dept. of Administration (DOA). Finally the city or village needs a two-thirds vote to adopt the annexation through an ordinance. A town can do little to stop or prevent annexations of town land unless it can be determined to be "not in the public's interest".

DISADVANTAGES OF ANNEXATION FOR A TOWN:

When cities/villages have authority to annex town land with such ease, it makes it difficult for a town to plan for the future. Many towns are unwilling to engage in planning or provide services for their residents, fearing that an annexation will undermine these efforts. Also, towns, like cities and villages, rely on property taxes as their principal source of revenue. Therefore, when a city or village annexes town land, a portion of the town's tax base is eliminated. Because of this, towns across the state, including the Town of Port Washington, have in the past found themselves engaged in bitter and costly lawsuits with their municipal neighbors over boundary disputes.

SOLUTIONS

In 2004 the Town of Port Washington entered into an agreement with the City of Port Washington that provides for orderly land development. This agreement addresses a wide range of infrastructure, land use, service and finance plans. In addition, the agreement sets and delineates a boundary agreement set until the year 2025. This agreement gives the town (and city) the ability to plan for the future without the fear of litigation.

<http://sos.nmtvault.com/SearchResults.aspx?City=C90>

the Town of Mequon was incorporated as a city in 1957

Town of Preble was annexed to the city of Green Bay in 1964



DID YOU KNOW: The Town of Port Washington used to have 5 one-room school houses? Only two remain, one being the Town Hall.

Dog Licenses

Mary Sampont, Town Treasurer

All dogs over the age of 5 months must be licensed, per WI State Statute 174.05.
Please complete and return this dog license application to the Town Treasurer with the appropriate fee,
and a copy of the current rabies certificate.

All Dog License Applications are due April 1st each year, or within 2 weeks of acquiring a new dog.

- All dogs must be licensed in the Town of Port Washington. Unlicensed dogs could result in a fine for the owner if found by the Sheriff Dept or Humane Society. Licensing also helps locate the owner if the dog runs away.
- If you own a dog/s, please complete the application below and send it along with your tax payment.
- At this time Dog Licenses cannot be accepted at the banks, but must be sent to the Town Treasurer.
- Please do not include the dog license fees on the same check as your property tax payment.
- **You will need to send along verification of rabies vaccination.**

Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along for your return dog tag, license and any vaccination records sent.

Make Check Payable To: TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON

Mail Application, Vaccination and Check To: MARY SAMPONT, TREASURER

FEE'S:

2354 WILLOW ROAD

PORT WASHINGTON, WI 53074

SPAYED OR NEUTERED DOGS: \$3.00 EACH

FEMALE OR MALE DOGS: \$8.00 EACH (NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED)

APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE (PLEASE PRINT)

OWNER'S NAME: _____ **PHONE NO.** _____

OWNER'S ADDRESS: _____

1) NAME OF DOG: _____ **BREED:** _____ **COLOR:** _____

SEX: MALE FEMALE SPAYED NEUTERED (CIRCLE ONE)

LICENSE FEE: \$3.00 \$8.00 (CIRCLE ONE)

2) NAME OF DOG: _____ **BREED:** _____ **COLOR:** _____

SEX: MALE FEMALE SPAYED NEUTERED (CIRCLE ONE)

LICENSE FEE: \$3.00 \$8.00 (CIRCLE ONE)

3) NAME OF DOG: _____ **BREED:** _____ **COLOR:** _____

SEX: MALE FEMALE SPAYED NEUTERED (CIRCLE ONE)

LICENSE FEE: \$3.00 \$8.00 (CIRCLE ONE)

2014 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 to the Town Treasurer at the Town Hall during these hours:

Friday, December 19th – **6 - 8 PM**

Friday, January 23rd & 30th - **6 - 8 PM**

Saturday, December 20th & 27th – **9AM - NOON**

Saturday, January 24th & 31st – **9AM - NOON**

Wednesday, December 31st - **6 - 8 PM**

Please note: If paying In-Person, you will not be issued a refund immediately. Your refund will come in the form of a check within 2 weeks. To save time and money, it is suggested that property tax payments be made at the bank if you are expecting a refund.

HOW TO CONTACT THE TOWN

<u>CHAIRMAN:</u>	Jim Melichar	262-206-1731
<u>SUPERVISORS:</u>	Mike Didier	268-1225
	Jim Rychtik, Jr.	262-689-7852
<u>CLERK:</u>	Jenny Schlenvogt	284-5235
<u>TREASURER:</u>	Mary Sampont	284-5394
<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:</u>	Richard Fellenz	284-0509

PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Jim Melichar	262-206-1731
Mike Didier	268-1225
Jim Rychtik, Jr.	262-689-7852
Chuck Baranek	284-3869
Dave Murphy	284-7208
Dale Noll	262-335-6002
Randy Noll	268-7574

The Town Chairman, Supervisors and Treasurer positions are on the ballot for the April 2015 Election, and serve a 2-year term in office.

They are all Town residents, your neighbors and responsible for pursuing the Town's best interest for ALL residents. They are available to hear your comments by phone or at an upcoming Town Board meeting.

Plan Commission members are appointed to 2- and 3-year terms by the Town Board. It is also required that they be Town residents. Plan Commission members advise the Town Board on Zoning and Development of the Town.