

TOWN OF STAR PRAIRIE

JANUARY 31

TAX COLLECTION & DUE DATES

THE ST. CROIX COUNTY TREASURER COLLECTS ALL TAXES

Please do not send any tax payments to the Town of Star Prairie.

Residents can pay taxes in full or installments. The first installment (or full payment option) is due on or before **January 31**. If no payment (whether installment or full amount) is received by January 31, the entire balance is considered delinquent, and is subject to interest and penalty, retroactive to February 1 at a rate of 1.5% per month until paid in full. Residents electing to pay in installments must submit the second installment by **July 31**. All general real property taxes of \$99.99 or less per parcel must be paid in full. Parcels subject to personal property taxes, special assessments, special charges or special taxes are also due in full by January 31.

If you would like to pay in person, please visit the St. Croix County Treasurer's office, located at the St. Croix County Government Center in Hudson. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Payments can also be submitted in one of two night drop-boxes outside the building.

✓ **PLEASE**

Make checks payable to:
St. Croix County Treasurer
Checks must be received by
January 31.

Mail checks to:
St. Croix County Treasurer
1101 Carmichael Road
Hudson, WI 54016

If you mail your taxes and would like a receipt, you must send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your payment.

PAY ONLINE *Additional Fees May Apply:*

Navigate to www.sccwi.gov, select **How Do I...** from the menu and then **Pay: My Property Taxes**.

LOTTERY CREDIT INFORMATION

A lottery credit is shown on your tax statement. The lottery credit varies according to school districts. The maximum credit value is \$33,500 and the maximum lottery credit according to school districts is as follows:

New Richmond \$269.96 Osceola \$232.40 Somerset \$241.48

For those of you who have not received a lottery credit on your taxes you can download the application from the St. Croix County website at www.sccwi.gov.

FIRST DOLLAR CREDIT INFORMATION

A First Dollar Credit is shown on your tax statement, provided that the property contains a building (improvement). The First Dollar Credit varies according to school districts. The maximum credit value is \$9,000 and the maximum First Dollar credit according to school districts is as follows:

New Richmond \$72.53 Osceola \$62.44 Somerset \$64.88

FREE ON TUESDAYS? ATTEND OUR MONTHLY

BOARD MEETINGS

Legal Notices can be found in the Star Observer under the Government Meetings and Legal Notice section. Meeting agendas and minutes can be found on our website at townofstarprairiewi.gov. Unless otherwise noticed, the Town Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall: 2118 Cook Drive in Somerset.

BUILDING PERMITS [REQUIRED IN THE TOWN OF STAR PRAIRIE]

Permit applications must be approved before starting construction. Please contact Brian Wert, Building Inspector, regarding building permits for garages, decks, additions and new homes. He can be contacted by calling (715) 386-5410 or by visiting his website at www.brianwert.com. Failure to obtain a building permit **prior to construction** shall result in a fine equal to the amount of the building permit for each offense.

DON'T PUSH IT; KEEP CLEAR FOR SAFETY

Plowing or blowing snow onto or across public roads from private driveways is dangerous and illegal. It can result in damage to vehicles and snow plows, accidents or fatalities. It is prohibited by Wis. Stat. § 86.01, 86.07, 346.94 and 941.03.

GET CONNECTED

In 2023, The Town of Star Prairie financially supported Northwest Communications' network expansion, which extended fiber through a significant portion of the township. If you have not yet connected to the expanded internet network, consider contacting one of our area providers, which continue to propose and plan expansions throughout St. Croix County:

Frontier at 1-855-699-5382, Midco at 1-800-888-1300 or Northwest Communications at (715) 247-5545

BURNING PERMITS

Burning permits are free and valid for a period of two years. Permits are available by contacting any member of the Town Board or the Town Clerk. Contact St. Croix

County Dispatch (non-emergency) before you burn by calling (715) 246-6131. Your address will be entered into the County's system for a registered burn, potentially preventing the Fire Department from responding to your address in error. If you do not pre-register your burn and the Fire Department is dispatched to your location, you will be responsible for all expenses—even if you have a valid permit. **CALL BEFORE YOU BURN.**

DOG OWNERS



All dogs must be licensed, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 174.05. License fees are \$10 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$15 for an intact dog. Please complete the enclosed form, and return along with payment and proof of current rabies vaccination (required) to the Town Clerk. **Make checks payable to Town of Star Prairie.** A new dog license must be purchased each year, and is valid from January 1 through December 31. Dogs running at large with no identification or license will be impounded. Fees are assessed for securing/transporting animals.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Recycling is important in the Town of Star Prairie. Although we do not have our own recycling facility, the Town hosts an annual Spring Clean-Up collection event, which is tentatively scheduled for early May. Please visit our website and subscribe to receive town updates for timely information. In the meantime, we encourage Town residents to contact their current garbage hauler or make arrangements with another provider that offers a recycling service. **PLEASE RECYCLE.**

ANNUAL MEETING | SAVE THE DATE

The Town of Star Prairie's Annual Meeting is scheduled for
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

PREVENTING PROPERTY & MORTGAGE FRAUD

Property/mortgage fraud occurs when fraudulent deeds, powers of attorney and other legal documents are recorded without a property owner's knowledge. These documents are used to transfer title of property or to obtain money illegally. By registering for the Property Fraud Alert service, you will receive an email or phone call alert whenever a document is recorded under your name. Take steps to stop identity theft. Get more information and register free of charge by contacting the St. Croix County Register of Deeds office at (715) 386-4650 or visiting www.propertyfraudalert.com.

ST. CROIX COUNTY LAND RECORDS AND PROPERTY INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

To access additional tax information, assessment records and maps, navigate to www.sccwi.gov, select **Services** from the menu and then **Property Information**.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Visit our website at townofstarprairiewi.gov or contact Town Clerk/Treasurer Andrea Neumann by calling (715) 246-9878 or emailing clerk2118@gmail.com.