Town of Stockton

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Winter 2018-2019 Newsletter



Dates to Remember

December 31st, 2018 - 2018 Dog Licenses Expire.

January 31st – The first installment of the Portage County Real Estate Taxes are due. The Town of Stockton does NOT accept property tax payments. Please remit to the County Treasurer as instructed on the tax bill.

January 1st to May 31st – Burning Permits are required unless the ground is completely snow-covered. Call 1-888-WISBURN or get further information or obtain your annual permit at www.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn. Clerk Lauri Novotny can also issue burning permits.

February 19th – If a Primary is necessary, a Primary Election for State offices including Justice of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals Judge. Town of Stockton residents are encouraged to vote at the Town Hall, 7252 6th Street, Custer. Polls are open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm. Photo ID is required.

March 1st - Plan ahead and haul your heavy loads prior to the Temporary Class B Weight Limit restrictions being imposed. Contact Chairman Mike Bronk or Town Clerk for exemption requests.

April 2nd – Spring Election for State offices including Justice of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals Judge as well as Municipal Elected Officials. Town of Stockton residents are encouraged to vote at the Town Hall, 7252 6th Street, Custer. Photo ID is required. Polls are open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Town seeking temporary, on-call, part-time snow plow driver

The Town of Stockton Road Crew is accepting applications for a temporary, part-time, on-call snow plow driver. A CDL is required. Please contact Chairman Mike Bronk or Lauri Novotny, Town Clerk, at 715-592-4712 if interested.





Attention Dog Owners

Upon reaching five months of age, all dogs must be licensed and have an active rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian. Dog licenses are to be purchased annually, and expire on December 31st of each year. Licensees for the following year are available for purchase or renewal beginning in mid-December of each year at the Town of Stockton Town Hall during regular office hours. Licenses may also be purchased by mailing proper payment and documentation to the Town Hall. Dog License fees are as follows:

Neutered Male or Spayed Female \$10.00
Un-neutered or Un-spayed dog \$20.00
The license renewal date is January 1st of each year.
It is not the expiration date of the rabies vaccination.
If you purchase your license after March 31st, the license fee is increased by \$5.00 per dog. Failure to obtain a dog license, failure to have a dog vaccinated against rabies, or allowing a dog to run at large could result in fines of \$169.00 or more for each offense.

Town of Stockton Park Updates

The Town of Stockton Park is ready and waiting for you, your family and friends to come out for a day of fun! Whether it be sledding or tubing down the hills, ice skating or building a snowman, the Town of Stockton Park is available for your enjoyment!







Do you enjoy utilizing the one mile walking trail? Do you think it could use some added character? Our Park Committee is looking for donations of useful, sturdy items that can be placed along the walking path that can enhance the already scenic route. Some examples of donations might be a concrete statue, a park bench, etc. Contact Clerk Lauri Novotny for further discussion as well as drop off times and locations.

In addition, watch for improvements this spring – volleyball courts, pickle ball and basketball court and improved soccer fields!



As picturesque as a new snow fall can be, it can also be traitorous for drivers in Wisconsin as many of us are aware. Here are some things to consider as it relates to the plow trucks and drivers that work diligently to help maintain the safety of our roads.

Not only are the snow plow trucks large and heavy (in excess of 60,000 lbs without salt/sand) but when you add the 12-foot front blade and 9-foot side blade, the plow is a massive machine! There are flashing lights, a rear camera, controls for the various blades, controls for the sand and salt mixture, interior temperature controls, engine gauges, and so much more – add that to the windy conditions which cause drifting of snow and minimal visibility – these guys have a lot of responsibility when behind the wheel of these big trucks!

We often take for granted that the plow is going to keep our streets clean for our daily commute. What we may not realize the depth of their job. For example, as the plow driver is pulling up to an intersection, he needs to consider the length of the plow in addition to the truck as he nears the stop sign or intersection. There is much less visibility when pulling out to an intersection that has trees and/or other obstacles within the line of vision. A great example of this is pulling on to County Highway J from one of the intersecting streets. As the driver visually inspects the lanes of traffic, he then has to pull on to the road but as he does, he has to constantly be aware of the length of plow in front of him. He isn't just pulling in to his lane as the length of the truck/plow doesn't allow for that. He is essentially utilizing both lanes for his turns in order to turn adequately. In addition, as the plow makes a right hand turn with both the center blade and right plow wing down, they have to back track and make multiple passes in order to clean up the intersection to allow for safe travel. It's not just turning the corner as it might appear.

There are obstacles to be aware of as well including but not limited to:

- Garbage and/or recycling cans remaining on non-pick up days Going around a garbage can once may not seem like
 much but when the snow and ice harden or more garbage cans are present, this creates a zig-zag appearance. It's
 much more efficient when they can plow a straight path and maneuver around less obstacles.
- Low hanging trees During the winter months as well as over the course of the year, our Stockton Road Crew works to maintain trees and brush in the road right-of-way as well as maintaining the roads year round whether it be snow, ice, wind or whatever Mother Nature decides to throw at us. Low hanging trees can reduce visibility and pose hazards to vehicle travel whether it is plow trucks, emergency vehicles or other travel in the vicinity.
- Snow and other ice build up from residents plowing across the road and in to the road (which is prohibited) Although it is the resident's responsibility to clear snow from the front of the mailbox area, please be aware that leaving rows or piles of snow in the roadway is dangerous. If a problem arises, you will be notified that you are breaking the law according to Wis. Statutes 86.01. A 2nd warning will include a fine of \$50.00 from the Town of Stockton as stated in the Town Snow Removal Ordinance O-08-01.
- Narrow roadways Some of our roads are narrower than others making it more difficult to maneuver the large plow truck especially when meeting a passing vehicle.
- Small children Allowing small children to watch the snow plow truck as it goes by is great but when the children are playing near the road, that's dangerous. Should the truck slide on ice or the child quickly dart out in the road, this could cause a serious accident.

Not only are the drivers constantly monitoring the weather but they're also deciding the amount of salt/sand mixture to use, when to use it and how to maintain the best roads possible for travel. Although their maximum rate of speed is typically 25-35 mph, depending on conditions, they cannot control the snow. The faster they drive, the further they're able to push the snow as the plow has more momentum but, the weight of the snow tends to cause damage to items like mailboxes and surrounding trees. Light, fluffy snow will blow off the plow much easier than the heavy, wet snow.

Our drivers use their best judgment. Safety is a priority. The more we can be aware of their job, the safer we can make our Town not only for our plow drivers but our residents as well. Things to remember: 1) If you're meeting a plow truck, realize that the driver is trying to move over as far as he can but the road may be narrow or there may be another obstacle in the way that prohibits the truck from being able to move over more. 2) When pulling out in front of a plow truck, it may appear safe to you but the stopping distance is greater with the sheer weight of the truck, added to the salt/sand – that's a lot of truck to stop quickly if need be. 3) Drivers are people too. They have families and enjoy the beauty of our Town just as you do. They put in long hours whether it be evening, weekend or extended day, enduring numerous obstacles and battling whatever Mother Nature has provided whether it be snow or ice, wind or freezing rain. These guys are dedicated to keeping our roads as clean as possible. It's often a thankless job but certainly one that we can all attest is an important one!

Keep the Wreath Green Campaign

Once again, our Town of Stockton Fire Department is participating in the "Keep the Wreath Green" campaign. The program runs from Thanksgiving Day until the end of New Year's Day. The program is designed to raise the general public's awareness of preventing fires during the holiday season by alerting them to the loss (red bulb) each time a fire occurs. A white bulb is prominently displayed to pay homage to all of the fallen firefighters during the past year.

According to the latest statistics available, there are over 25,000 Chimney Fires per year in the US that are responsible for over 125 million dollars in property damage. The most sobering statistics relate to deaths and injuries that can result from chimney fires that spread into house fires.

Please do your part to "Help Keep the Wreath Green" this holiday season!

Town of Stockton Emergency Services Team



Fire-Rescue-EMS members group photo. There were a number of individuals that were not available for the group photo.

Ever thought about joining us but thought you didn't have the needed training or time? Did you know...

- No formal training is required to join our Fire or EMS department. We will cover the cost of all the needed training and will even pay an hourly wage while attending!
- We accommodate your schedule by offering two separate department training sessions (twice per month) one in the morning and one in the evening.
- WE PAY YOU to VOLUNTEER! Our personnel receive an hourly rate for attending training sessions and responding to calls.

Did that spark your interest? If you're interested in learning more about the Fire Department and/or EMS Team, please contact Clerk Lauri Novotny at 715-592-4712 or email stockton@wi-net.com.

Did you know that the Stockton Fire Rescue EMS has a Facebook page? Check us out to keep up on the latest news, photos, training and tips!

Who do I call? Where can I obtain information?

- For <u>trees that are blocking a roadway</u>, you can contact our Road Crew office directly. Their number is 715-592-4420. Please be aware that you may get an answering machine. Please leave a message along with your contact name and phone number so that they may return your call at their earliest convenience.
- Questions or comments regarding your property assessment for the Town of Stockton should be handled by the Assessor, Mr. Todd Pauls. His office number is 715-848-9300.
- Do you have a <u>building permit question</u>? Mr. Mike Bembenek, of RISE LLC, is your point of contact. He can be reached by calling 715-570-8378.
- New voter registration, change of address and/or Absentee Ballot requests can also be obtained by contacting our Town Clerk. Her phone number is 715-592-4712. Email address is: stockton@wi-net.com. Photo ID is required.
- The <u>Town of Stockton website</u> is an excellent source of information. It's maintained and updated by the Town Clerk. The site offers information on a variety of topics including sections related to: An Events & Meetings Calendar, Permits & Licenses, Waste Management, Minutes & Agendas, Fire Department/EMS, Newsletters, Farm Equipment on Roads, Notices, Events, Ordinances, Parks & Recreation, Property Tax information, Town History, Board & Plan Commission Member contact information, Budget information, Election Information and information relating to our Town Cemeteries. There's even local weather information! Take a moment and check it out! www.TownofStockton.com

Property Tax Information

The first installment of the Portage County Real Estate Taxes are due on January 31st, 2019.

The Town of Stockton does not accept property tax payments.

MAIL TAX PAYMENTS TO: PORTAGE COUNTY TREASURER, 1516 CHURCH STREET, STEVENS POINT WI 54481

The 2nd installment is due July 31st, 2019.

The Portage County Treasurer's Office is open Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am until 4:30 pm.

You may also issue payment for your Portage County property taxes with a credit card or e-check by calling

1-877-782-4828, or by visiting: www.co.portage.wi.us Visa debit card \$3.95 fee. Credit cards and non-Visa debit card fee 2.39%. E-check fee \$1.50.

Please call the Portage County Treasurer's Office at 715-346-1348 with any questions.

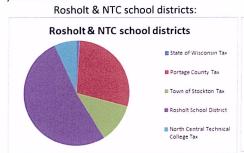
Below are a few of our surrounding municipalities and their 2017 mill rates. The mill rate is the amount of tax payable per dollar of the assessed value of a property. The mill rate is based on "mills"; as each mill is one-thousandth of a currency unit; one mill is equivalent to one-tenth of a cent or \$0.001.

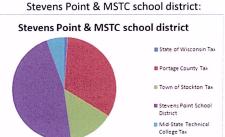
The overall mill rate is comprised of mill rates associated with the state, county, local, school district, and vocational school district mill rates. The mill rate also takes in to consideration whether or not the school district has a referenda in place.

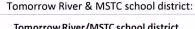
The portion of your property taxes that actually ends up in our local Town of Stockton is a very small amount of the overall portion of your tax bill.

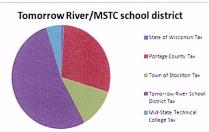
| Municipality | Mill Rate |
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| City of Stevens Point | 22.22 |
| Town of Amherst | 16.52-17.46 |
| Town of Dewey | 17.45 |
| Town of Hull | 17.03 |
| Town of Plover | 15.82 |
| Town of Sharon | 15.65-18.37 |
| Town of Stockton - Rosholt/NTC | 19.17 |
| Town of Stockton - Stevens Point/MSTC | 16.27 |
| Town of Stockton - Tomorrow River/MSTC | 18.70 |
| Village of Amherst | 21.15 |
| Village of Plover | 20.75 |
| Village of Rosholt | 22.61 |
| Village of Whiting | 18.18 |

In the examples below, this is what you would had for a 2017 mill rate, depending on which school and technical college districts you live in:









Note: a few of the mill rates above indicate a range which means that the municipality is served by more than one school district. The Town of Stockton encompasses three different school districts.

Mill rate calculations can be found at: https://www.co.portage.wi.us/home/showdocument?id=13724

Town of Stockton Meetings

Town Board Meetings

The Town of Stockton Board meets the second and fourth Mondays of the each month at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Plan Commission Meetings

The Town of Stockton Plan Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. Committee Chair (preferred) or Town Clerk needs to be contacted by the 10th of the month for a request to be on the following meeting agenda.

Fire Department Meetings

The Town of Stockton Fire Department members meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

EMS Department Meetings

The Town of Stockton EMS Dept members meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

ALL DOGS OVER THE AGE OF 5 MONTHS MUST BE LICENSED IN THE TOWN OF STOCKTON

You must send or bring a copy of the <u>current rabies certificate</u> for <u>each dog</u> you are licensing, as required under WI SS #174-05. <u>Note: A late fee of \$5.00 per dog will be assessed after April 1st.</u>

| Please include the following items: ☐ Current rabies certificate ☐ Proof of neuter or spay ☐ License fees (Check made out to: <i>Town of</i> | Mail to: Town of Stockton 7252 6 th Street Custer, WI 54423 | | |
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| Stockton) | | | |
| Self-addressed stamped envelope for license ret | t <mark>urn</mark> | | |
| Owner's Name Male Neutered | - \$10 | | |
| Dog's Name Male Non-Neut | ered - \$20 | | |
| Breed Female Spayed | - \$10 | | |
| Color Female Non-Spa | ayed - \$20 | | |
| Date of Rabies ShotExpiration(include certifica | te(s), they will be returned to you). | | |
| Licenses will be also available at the Town Hall (7252 6 th Street) o Monday – Thursday from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm. | | | |
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| Breed Female Spayed | Female Spayed - \$10 | | |
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| Color Female Non-Spa | ayed - \$20 | | |

Licenses will be also available at the Town Hall (7252 6th Street) during regular office hours which are Monday – Thursday from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm.



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October 2, 2018

To All Dog Owners in Portage County,

State law and Portage County ordinances, **require all dogs to be licensed**, and that rabies vaccinations be current. The owner of any dog more than 5 months of age on January 1st, or 5 months of age within the license year, must annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes 5 months of age, obtain a license for that dog. A dog license is valid from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

Dog licenses can be easily obtained from your municipal treasurer, and are reasonably priced. There is also an option to obtain a multiple dog license for owners of kennels or for those with a large number of dogs.

There is a mandatory late fee if you fail to obtain a license by April 1st, or after 30 days of ownership of a new eligible dog. Licenses can also be obtained from the Humane Society of Portage County – and they even are open on Saturdays if you can't get to your municipal clerk during normal business hours.

The Sheriff's Office takes dog licensing seriously because of the potential impact on public health and safety. We have teamed up with the Humane Society to enforce licensing and vaccination laws. A citation to the owner of an unlicensed dog can cost between \$169.00 and \$263.50.

More information regarding the County's Animal Control Program can be found at the County's web site, www.co.portage.wi.us. Details on licensing, rabies control, and more can be located here.

Please do your part to safeguard our community by vaccinating and licensing your dogs. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Mike Lukas

Portage County Sheriff

2019 Town of Stockton Garbage & Recycling Service Schedule

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Garbage & Recycling Pick-Up Day
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NOTE pick-up during a holiday week is a day late



For questions about service, please call 1-800-262-3101





ALUMINUM CANS - Includes used beverage cans only. No foil or food containers.



CONTAINER GLASS – Includes clear, brown, green and blue container glass only. Glass should be clean. Glass DOES NOT INCLUDE ceramic cups, dishes, ovenware, plate glass, safety and window glass, heat-resistant glass such as Pyrex, light bulbs, mirrors, lead-based glass such as crystal.



PLASTIC CONTAINERS - Includes only food and beverage bottles and containers marked with the #1 through #7 recycling emblem. Includes aseptic packaging such as juice boxes and soup broth containers.

DOES NOT INCLUDE motor oil bottles, plastic bags, styrofoam cups or containers and packaging peanuts.



TIN CANS - Includes metal cans, bi-metal cans and steel containers which must be clean. Cut out end can be secured inside can.



MIXED PAPER PRODUCTS – Includes all grades of papers including: white, colored, ledger, shiny, coated, carbonless, envelopes - including windowed, labeled and kraft; newspapers, magazines, phone books, computer print out paper, glued pads and tablets, file folders, post-it notes, spiral notebooks, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, paper grocery bags, beverage cartons. Can include paper clips and staples.

DOES NOT INCLUDE waxed paper, hand towels, napkins or paper plates.



CORRUGATED CARDBOARD - Includes clean corrugated cardboard only. Cardboard must be flattened and bundled in bundles not more than twelve (12) inches high by twenty-four (24) inches wide and thirty-six (36) inches long. **DOES NOT INCLUDE** waxed cardboard or soiled cardboard.

ALL paper products may be placed in a paper bag or bundled



- Not Acceptable Items (place in trash)
- ◆Pesticide or Herbicide Containers
- Styrofoam or Microwave Containers

Aluminum Foil Empty Paint Cans

Plastic Bags

Aerosol Cans

QUESTIONS? Please Call Customer Service 800-262-3101

