Town of Stockton

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Winter 2019 - 2020 Newsletter



Mark your calendar

December 31st, 2019 - 2019 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. See article on right.

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 18th – If needed, a Primary Election for Presidential Preference, Judicial and County Supervisor positions will be held. 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.

Approximately March 1st - Plan ahead and haul your heavy loads prior to the Temporary Class B Weight Limit restrictions being imposed.

April 7th – Spring Election for Presidential Preference, Judicial and County Supervisor positions will be held. 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 snowplow driver

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





Attention Dog Owners – Dog Licenses

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.

Property Tax Installments

The first installment of the Portage County Real Estate Taxes are due on January 31st, 2020.

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, 2020.

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.

The following financial institutions have agreed to collect the FIRST INSTALLMENT of the property taxes:

- Community First Bank
- International Bank of Amherst
- Investor's Community Bank
- Pineries Bank

Fire Chief Chris Kluck Retires from Fire Service

On September 30th, 2019, Fire Chief Chris Kluck formally retired after 37 years in the fire service. Prior to becoming the Fire Chief of the Town of Stockton in January of 2016, he was the Fire Chief of the Rosholt Fire District and a firefighter with the Town of Hull Fire Department.

As he recollects on his time in the service, he indicated, "I have seen a tremendous amount of change in this service over the years, from riding on fire truck tail boards to fire scenes, to the use of infra-red and drone technology." He further went on to explain that as a Chief, he was "challenging, demanding, frustrating, cranky and always getting the people to anticipate the unexpected and to think outside the box". Chief Kluck prides himself on the fact that despite his challenging tactics, everyone that went out on an emergency call always came home safe. Safety was and always is the #1 priority. This fall, Chief Kluck was nominated and subsequently awarded the 71st District First Responder of the Year Award by Representative Katrina Shankland commemorating his 37 years in the fire service and dedication to the community in which he has so unselfishly served.

In retirement, he and his wife (Barb) have plans to spend time with their children and grandchildren in addition to tackling some woodworking projects and just plain relaxing. Congratulations, Chief Kluck, on your retirement!

Town of Stockton Announces New Fire Chief

Randy Shirek has recently been appointed as the Fire Chief for the Town of Stockton. Chief Shirek spent 10+ years developing his firefighting skills with the Park Ridge Fire Department before transitioning to the Town of Stockton Fire Department. With the Town of Stockton, Chief Shirek worked his way up the fire ladder starting out as one of the first members of the Fire Department within the Town of Stockton at the inception of the Department back in 2005. He started out as a firefighter, was promoted to an officer and subsequently accepted a promotion to Deputy Chief in January of 2018.

In the role as Fire Chief, Chief Shirek is responsible for the day to day operations of the Fire, Rescue and EMS Departments. With his attention to detail, organizational skills, professionalism and dedication to the community, Chief Shirek will continue the legacy set forth by former Chiefs Spencer and Kluck to ensure that the Town of Stockton has well-trained individuals to respond to emergency situations as they arise.





Have you ever thought of becoming a Fire Fighter and/or EMS member?

Being a volunteer emergency responder is about one thing. It's not what you look like, what degree you have, or where you come from. It's about heart. If you've got the heart to serve this community in a way that few can, you've got everything we need.





For more information, call (715) 570-4744 or email stocktonfire@gmail.com. You can also call the Town Hall at (715) 592-4712 or email stockton@wi-net.com.

Election Information

There are four elections scheduled in the 2020 calendar year. It's important that you're prepared when the time comes.

If you are a first-time voter, new to the area, have an address change or a name change; you will need to fill out the Wisconsin Voter Registration Application. You will need a photo ID as well as proof of residence. Contact the Clerk for further details.

If you prefer to vote Absentee, you may do so. You don't need a reason, it's your right. To vote absentee, contact the Clerk to obtain an Absentee Ballot Application. Office hours are Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm or by appointment.

For further information regarding voting in Wisconsin, please visit the My Vote Wisconsin website: https://myvote.wi.gov

Information also available on the Town's website under the Election Information area: https://TownofStockton.com

Town of Stockton Park Winter Activities

Trying to figure out what to do with the kids and/or grandkids during the winter months? How about sledding at the Town of Stockton Park!?! There's dedicated space for sledding as well as a lot of space to build a snowman, snow fort or just enjoy the winter scenery while walking around the beautiful park area. The Town of Stockton Park is located at 3333 Custer Road.





Winter Weather Reminders

- Clear snow and ice away from your address sign to allow better visibility for Emergency Responders.
- Use extreme caution when utilizing space heaters & never plug a space heater into a power strip.
- Be mindful of the conditions and remember that snowplow drivers are people too! It takes a lot more time to slow down the plows than it does a car so give them room to operate. They're doing a tremendously difficult job in maintaining our roadways especially during icy conditions.
- Check on your neighbors, especially those who are homebound. Winter is a tough time to be alone.
- Don't over-exert yourself when clearing snow or ice from your driveway and/or sidewalk. Take frequent breaks and enlist the help of others, if at all possible.
- Keep up to date on the forecast in order to plan accordingly.
- Remember to remove garbage/recycling containers from the roadway as soon as possible to eliminate the hazard for travelers.
- Lastly, never plow snow across the road or into the opposite ditch. This creates bumps, ice dams, or hazardous piles of snow on the road and causes snow to blow onto the road. Once driven on or frozen, these bumps are extremely difficult to plow and may cause a passing vehicle to lose control. If you are plowing snow across the road, clean the road immediately for safe driving for others. Otherwise, you will be notified that you are breaking the law according to Wis. Statutes 86.01. If the town needs to clean up after you, you will be billed for the work. 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.

Town of Stockton Property Revaluation Process

Wisconsin has an annual property assessment. This means that each year's assessment is a new assessment. The assessor is not obligated to keep the same assessment each year. The assessor may change an assessment because of building permits or sales activity even if he or she did not inspect the property. Per state law (sec 70.05(5)(b), Wis.Stats.), each municipality must assess or revalue all major classes of property within 10 percent of full value in the same year, at least once within a five-year period. A 'major class' of property is defined as a property class that includes more than 10 percent of the full value of the taxation district. The Town of Stockton is at the point in which we are required by law to perform a reassessment/revaluation of property.

The law requires that property be valued from actual view or from the best information that can be practicably obtained. An interior inspection results in a better-quality assessment; however, it is not always possible to conduct interior inspections. To ensure receiving a complete and accurate valuation, it benefits the property owner to provide interior viewing access of their residence. For the purposes of valuation if access is denied, the assessor will then base the valuation on the next best information available.

When performing annual assessments based on fair market value, for example, assessments cannot merely be carried over from year to year without regard to market influences. Property values are continually changing, and the values do not change at the same rate for all properties. Without changes in the assessments, inequities will soon develop. When inequities happen, some property owners are paying more than their fair share of the property taxes and some are paying less. A complete reassessment or revaluation may be the only remedy. Most property owners are willing to pay the expenses of a revaluation to be assured that all are paying their fair share of property taxes. Property owners fear that taxes will go up if a revaluation is done. This may or may not be the case. Taxes are directly tied to the amount of money that the municipality needs to collect. This is called the levy. If the total levy remains the same, only those properties that are not presently paying their fair share of the tax burden will pay more taxes after a revaluation. Properties presently paying more than their fair share will pay less.

We expect that the revaluation process will take quite some time to complete. Once completed, if you have questions or comments regarding your property assessment, please contact the Town contracted Assessor Mr. Todd Pauls. His office number is 715-848-9300.

Monday - Thursday from 9:30 am until 1:30 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:</u> A late fee of \$5.00 per dog will be assessed after April 1st.

Please include the following items: ☐ Current rabies certificate ☐ Proof of neuter or spay ☐ License fees (Check made ou Stockton)		Mail to:	Town of Stockton 7252 6 th Street Custer, WI 54423			
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Licenses will be also available at the Town Hal	(7252 6 th Street)	during regular	office hours which are			

2020 Town of Stockton Garbage & Recycling Service Schedule

Please note that there is not a choice of pick up days. Dedicated routes for Monday & Thursdays did not change.

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Garbage & Recycling Pick-Up Day
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For questions about service, please call (800) 262-3101

^{**}NOTE** pick-up during a holiday week is a day late



ES GUIDE TO RECYCLING ES





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



◆Plastic Bags

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

 Empty Paint Cans Aluminum Foil

Aerosol Cans

QUESTIONS? Please Call Customer Service 800-262-3101

