

# VILLAGE OF COBB TAX NEWSLETTER

December 2023

## TAX BILLS

Enclosed are your 2023 Real Estate and/or Personal Property Tax statements. This is supposed to be the last year Personal Property Tax bills will be processed. Please take a few minutes to read your tax bill, especially noting the due dates and collection times and locations. The amount of the Lottery Credit is \$202.67 and the First Dollar Credit is \$54.45 for properties located in the Village of Cobb/Iowa-Grant School District this year.

Wisconsin Statute 74.11(12) establishes payment priority so the Personal Property tax bill shall be satisfied first. Any partial payment shall be applied in the following order: 1) personal property tax, 2) special charges -- including delinquent water, sewer, garbage and recycling charges, 3) special assessments 4) special taxes, and 5) real estate taxes.

Please submit the payment coupons at the bottom of the bill with your payment to the appropriate tax collecting location. Your first installment or total amount can be paid to the **Village of Cobb ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2024**. Payments can be made in person, deposited in the drop slot next to the door at the Village Office, and via mail until January 31, 2024. If you have escrow funds, please remember to endorse checks which are payable to the homeowner **and** the Village of Cobb prior to sending payment. **If you choose to pay on the installment plan, the SECOND INSTALLMENT IS DUE BY JULY 31, 2024 AND GOES TO THE IOWA COUNTY TREASURER AT THE COURTHOUSE, 222 N IOWA STREET, STE 101, DODGEVILLE, WI 53533.** Any tax that is delinquent shall begin to accrue interest at the rate of 1% per month beginning February 1; part of the month is treated as a full month. Second half installment reminder notices are now sent by the Iowa County Treasurer's office for unpaid balances, which are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**If you would like a paper tax receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your payment! You may also request an emailed receipt instead of a mailed receipt. Please send your email address and request to me at [clerk@villageofcobb.net](mailto:clerk@villageofcobb.net).**

**PDF receipts are also available on the Iowa County website once payment has been posted at both the Village and County at**

**<https://ascent.iowacounty.org/LandRecords/PropertyListing/RealEstateTaxParcel#/Search>**

## Village of Cobb Village Office Holiday Hours – Subject to Change



Monday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	2:00-6:00pm
Tuesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am-5:00pm
Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> – CLOSED	Monday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> - CLOSED
Tuesday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>	2:00-6:00pm
Wednesday, December 27 <sup>th</sup> thru <u>Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup></u>	8:00am-5:00pm
Monday, January 1, 2024	CLOSED

Starting Tuesday, January 2, 2024 I will be open regular office hours:  
Monday 2:00-6:00pm & Tuesday-Thursday 8:00-5:00pm



# **Christmas Tree Pickup**

Village Maintenance will be collecting Christmas trees on Thursday December 28, 2023 and Thursday January 4, 2024, weather permitting. Please place your Christmas tree at the curbside for pickup.  
**Trees must be free of metal tree stands and all ornaments/bows.**



## **TAX ROLL LISTING FOR VILLAGE**

Copies of the Village of Cobb tax roll listing will be available for pickup at the Village Office and as a PDF document on the Village website at [www.villageofcobb.com](http://www.villageofcobb.com) found under the "Tax Information" tab.

## **DOG/CAT LICENSES**

**DOG/CAT LICENSES EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH YEAR . . .** The Iowa County Sheriff's Department responds to all calls regarding unlicensed animals and/or any other pet concerns reported. Wisconsin Stats. 174.05 **requires** that all dogs over five (5) months of age be licensed and Village Ordinance **requires** that all cats over five (5) months of age also be licensed.

**Village Ordinance also limits the number of dogs owned to 2 per household.** **Dog/cat**  
**license applications were sent with the water bills mailed on December 1st.** Please feel free to copy the form, if needed, contact the Village office for additional forms, or forms are also available on the Village website at [www.villageofcobb.com](http://www.villageofcobb.com). A **current rabies vaccination is required** at the time your license is obtained. Rabies vaccination records for dogs/cats licensed in 2023 are in the computer system. **Vaccination records are only needed if there is an update from last year or if this is a new animal to be licensed.** The cost of a license is \$10.00 for a neutered male/spayed female dog or cat and \$15.00 for an intact male/female dog or cat. A \$5.00 late fee will be assessed to animals not licensed by April 1, 2024.

We would like to continue to try and get pictures in our system for your licensed dogs. We are asking residents to email a picture(s) of your dog to the Village Office to enable us to try and locate the owner of a dog that may get loose first, rather than transporting the animal to the Iowa County Humane Society. Please send pictures to [clerk@villageofcobb.net](mailto:clerk@villageofcobb.net)

If you no longer have your dog or cat, please let the Village Office know so we can update our records. Citations will be issued to owners with unlicensed pets. ***A reminder that all dogs and cats are required to be tied or contained in a proper enclosure at all times.*** Animal Ordinances will be enforced and residents violating any animal ordinance will be fined by the Iowa County Sheriff's Department.

**Please be a responsible pet owner and remember to keep all animals in your own yard and properly dispose of waste.**





## **HOUSE NUMBERS HELP EMERGENCY PERSONNEL FIND YOU FASTER**

It's a little thing that can make a big difference during an emergency! Can the Fire Department or EMS clearly see your house or building number from the street? We have noticed there are several locations within the Village without house numbers displayed. Please don't wait until you have an emergency and get those house numbers displayed now!

While our local firefighters and first responders are very familiar with the streets and neighborhoods in the Village, finding the exact location of a residence depends on a plainly visible address.

What's the best way to ensure we can easily find your residence?

- ❖ Have large numbers posted on the exterior. The numbers should be at least 4 inches tall.
- ❖ Use reflective materials such as metal or reflective/high-visibility stickers.
- ❖ Made sure the numbers contrast with the color of your house or building (put dark-colored numbers on light-colored siding or vice versa).

## **Sidewalks**



It's that time of year when we have snow and ice. The Village ordinance 6-2-7(a) states that in the event of snow accumulating on sidewalks, the sidewalk shall be cleared of all accumulated snow and/or ice within twenty-four (24) from the time the snow ceases to accumulate on said sidewalk. **Please help keep your village safe for everyone and take care of your sidewalk. Thank you!**

## **ADOPT A HYDRANT**



Please shovel the snow from all hydrants near your home, and the home of an elderly or disabled neighbor near you. Should a fire unfortunately occur, the delay that would take place while the fire department is seeking to locate a hydrant, remove snow, and hook up hose lines could cause a loss of life and/or property.

## **Credit Card Payments**

You can now pay your taxes and utilities online at [www.villageofcobb.com](http://www.villageofcobb.com) with either a debit or credit card (2.9% + 30 cent service fee)! Scroll to the bottom of the village website's home page and click on the yellow "Online Payments" button. You are able to pay utility bills, cat/dog licenses, taxes, park shelter reservation fee, and make splash pad donations.

### **Ways to keep current on what is happening in Cobb:**

- Sign up to be placed on the village's e-mail list. (Just provide the village office with your e-mail address)
- "like" the Village of Cobb on Facebook
- Check out the village's website [www.villageofcobb.com](http://www.villageofcobb.com)

# Village of Cobb Water / Sewer Department

Water/sewer/garbage is billed **MONTHLY**. Meters are typically read around the 1<sup>st</sup> business day of every month and bills will be due on the 21<sup>st</sup> of that same month. Online debit/credit payments through our new service HeyGov can be made via the Village website, with a 2.9% convenience fee + 30 cents. **All water customers are encouraged to take advantage of our automatic withdrawal bill payment service which allows bills to be electronically paid from any checking or savings account for FREE. Forms are available at the Village Office and on the Village Website.**

## Monthly Rates are as follows:

### Water

#### Monthly Service Charges:

5/8" meter	\$16.55	3" meter	\$77.00
3/4" meter	\$16.55	4" meter	\$122.00
1" meter	\$20.00	6" meter	\$232.00
1 ¼" meter	\$26.00	8" meter	\$364.00
1 ½" meter	\$31.00	10" meter	\$537.00
2" meter	\$46.00	12" meter	\$712.00

#### Plus Volume Charges:

First 8,333 gallons used each month:	\$6.60 per 1,000 gallons
Over 8,333 gallons used each month:	\$4.71 per 1,000 gallons

#### Public Fire Protection Charges:

5/8" meter	\$7.78	3" meter	\$116.00
3/4" meter	\$7.78	4" meter	\$194.00
1" meter	\$19.00	6" meter	\$389.00
1 ¼" meter	\$29.00	8" meter	\$621.00
1 ½" meter	\$38.00	10" meter	\$932.00
2" meter	\$62.00	12" meter	\$1,243.00

### Sewer

#### Monthly Service Charges:

5/8" meter	\$9.56	1 ½" meter	\$49.83
3/4" meter	\$9.56	2" meter	\$75.33
1" meter	\$30.67		

#### Plus Volume Charges:

First 8,333 gallons used each month:	\$3.31 per 1,000 gallons
Over 8,333 gallons used each month:	\$2.93 per 1,000 gallons

### Garbage / Recycling

#### Monthly Service Charges:

Residential	\$14.67
Business (dumpster)	\$34.83



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**The Village Board approved a new park shelter reservation policy. Effective January 1, 2024 you will be able to contact the Village Office to reserve a park shelter at either Scheper Park or the Village Park. "Reserved" signs will be hung at the reserved shelter locations. A reservation form will need to be completed, along with a \$30 reservation fee payment.**