



VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE NEWSLETTER

Fall/Winter 2018



CONTACTS AT A GLANCE!

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GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Advanced Disposal 849-9544 x 104

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Calumet County Sheriff's Dept. 849-2335

SNOW REMOVAL

County & State Roads
Calumet County Hwy Dept. 849-1434

Village Streets
J&E Construction 439-1555

VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
(closed during lunch hour)

Exceptions due to offsite meetings, election related duties, trainings, illness or vacation will be noted on the front door & voicemail.

If a resident or business owner would require a meeting at another time with the Clerk, outside of these posted hours, please call 439-1700 to schedule and that will always be accommodated.

If you ever need to drop something off for any Village representative, outside regular office hours, there is a secure drop box near the front door. Also, you can leave a voicemail message at 439-1700 and a return call will be made as soon as possible.



**Please note the tax collection hours on
Page 3 of this newsletter and please
read the entire article for all the
information regarding tax collection.**

OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Just a friendly reminder that parking citations will be issued on vehicles parked on Village Streets between the hours of 2:30 a.m. – 6:30 a.m.

**November 15th
through March 31st**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



OCTOBER

12TH – 13TH RURAL ARTS ROADTRIP

Enjoy a weekend in October traveling the scenic roads of Calumet County! Go on the self-guided tour of over 80+ handmade artists representing one of kind arts such as: stained glass, jewelry, handwoven apparel, upcycled furniture, paintings and much more! There are also stops along the way to share in the unique culinary offerings of the East Shores of Lake Winnebago. Check out their website at www.ruralartsroadtrip.com.

31ST TRICK OR TREATING AND COSTUME CONTEST sponsored by Stockbridge Fire Department & Stockbridge Lions Club

Stockbridge's tradition is to always hold trick or treating on Halloween! Participating homes should put on porch lights. Ghosts & goblins will be out from 5 – 7, with costume contest at Fire Station to follow.

NOVEMBER

10TH STOCKBRIDGE SCHOOLS ANNUAL CRAFT FAIRE

Located in the Middle & High School gyms from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Great variety of 80+ arts & crafts vendors! If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Missy at missybunnell10@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY

9TH OPENING DAY STURGEON SPEARING SEASON

Participate in this time honored tradition by obtaining your license from the DNR by October 31st. If you or someone you know rents shanties for the spearing season on Lake Winnebago and/or the Upriver Lakes, please send the contact information to Ryan Koenigs at ryan.koenigs@wisconsin.gov. Shanty rental information is very popular (and helpful) to first-time sturgeon spearkers.

19TH FEBRUARY PRIMARY ELECTION

Polling place for the Town & Village of Stockbridge's registered voters is at the Community Hall (attached to the Fire Station) at 175 S. Military Rd. All pertinent election information can be found on the Village website at www.villageofstockbridge.org.

MARCH

2ND STURGEON BANQUET

Join the camaraderie that only the Sturgeon Spearing season can bring to the Lake Winnebago area! Share stories of the season and celebrate with the honorees that speared the largest fish! Great raffle prizes, award ceremony, food & beverages! Tickets will be available at the State Bank of Chilton – Stockbridge location.

APRIL

2ND SPRING ELECTION

Polling place for the Town & Village of Stockbridge's registered voters is at the Community Hall (attached to the Fire Station) at 175 S. Military Rd. All pertinent election information can be found on the Village website at www.villageofstockbridge.org.



The Village office is open for in-person tax collection Mondays - Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (closed during the lunch hour) from the day the tax bills are mailed from the Calumet County Treasurer until January 31st. Any exceptions to these hours due to an outside meeting or illness are always posted on the front door.

Please note that paying your taxes in person is not a requirement. The secure drop box located near the front door of the Village office is always available: 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Any payment deposited in the drop box on or before December 31st is entered as a payment made & applied in 2018. Any payments dropped off by January 31st are considered a timely payment.

Payments can also be mailed to Village of Stockbridge, PO Box 292, Stockbridge WI 53088. Mailed payments postmarked by December 31st will be entered as a payment in 2018. Payments postmarked by January 31st are entered as a timely first installment payment. If you require a receipt to reflect your payment date for your accountant or tax preparer, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment.

If your bank, mortgage or escrow company forwards your tax payment to the Village, but you'd also like confirmation that the payment has been received, please call to inquire at 439-1700 or email your inquiry to villageofstockbridge@tds.net.

If you've received an escrow check that is for more than the tax amount, refund checks will be cut & mailed on a bi-monthly schedule.

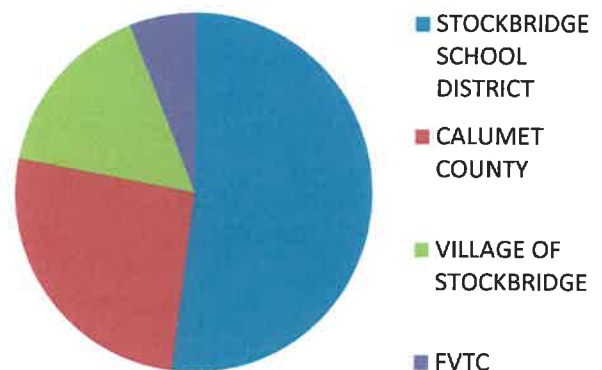
Also, your *second installment payments* that are due by July 31st are due directly to the Calumet County Treasurer at 206 Court St., Chilton WI 53014. The local Treasurer does not process the second installment payments.

IMPORTANT TAX COLLECTION INFORMATION

The Treasurer will be collecting in person taxes during regular office hours. The office will not be open on Friday, December 28th, Saturday, December 29th or Sunday, December 30th. It will be open on Monday, December 31st from 8-3.

You are welcome to leave your payment in the secure drop box and it will be processed as a timely payment or if post marked by December 31st. The mailing address for the Village of Stockbridge is PO Box 292, Stockbridge WI 53088.

TAX BILL BREAKOUT (Typical Year Example)



USDA LOANS/GRANTS AVAILABLE TO CALUMET COUNTY RESIDENTS

Does your home need repairs? Would you like to purchase a home? USDA Rural Development has funding available to purchase and repair homes in eligible rural communities. Interest rates range between 1-3.75%. Grants for repairs are also available to income eligible households over the age of 62.

For more information, contact Brian Hudson at USDA Rural Development in Fond du Lac at 920-907-2976 or email him at RD.FondduLac@wi.usda.gov.

TAX BILL BASICS

The responsibility of the Village's appointed Assessor, Grotz Appraisal, is to discover, list, and value uniformly all taxable property in the Village. This work is done to ensure the equitable distribution of the total tax burden within the community. It does not determine the total amount of revenues to be raised.

The tax levy is established by the State, County, local municipality, and school districts, to cover their expenses. The total tax levy is then divided among all owners in proportion to the amount of property they own. These breakdowns are shown on your tax bill.

The local treasurer collects your full payment (if made by January 31st) or your first installment payment. All local municipal treasurers are then responsible for paying out to the other taxing entities (ie...County, State, FVTC & local schools) their proportionate share of the taxes collected by January 31st.

All second installment payments are to be paid directly to the Calumet County Treasurer, as indicated on your tax bill.

VILLAGE BUDGETING & TAX LEVY DETAILS



As mentioned above, your property tax bill consists of money needed by Calumet County, FVTC, local public school and the Village (no, the Village does not keep all the money collected by taxes).

The typical breakout of a tax bill for Village residents will look like this:

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: 52% of total tax bill
CALUMET COUNTY: 26% of total tax bill
VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE: 16% of total tax bill
FOX VALLEY TECH: 6% of total tax bill

So, how does your Village elected officials set the tax levy for the Village? This process starts in September with a budget work session meeting. The current year's expenses and revenues are reviewed during this meeting. There is also a large spreadsheet that the Village Board members review with approximately (90) different budget line items. These

line items are broken down by expenses and receipts. The Board carefully reviews all projects or needs in all areas of budget expenses, including streets, parks, Fire Department, insurance, snow removal, public safety, planning/engineering, community development and more.

These budgetary numbers are also weighed against any changes in expected revenue (keep in mind that the State has cut shared revenue to local municipalities in the past years). Not only have there been cuts in revenue, the State has also imposed levy limits!

What is a levy limit? Well, let's clarify what a levy is first. The tax levy is the amount of money needed, from tax payers, for a municipality to operate. As a simple example, let's look at it this way:

Example: The Village anticipates receiving revenue from the State Shared Revenue program, State road aids, licenses, permits and fees in the amount of \$200,000 but the expenses to run the Village are anticipated to be \$450,000, the difference of \$250,000 is the amount of money (or levy) that the Village will need to ask the tax payers to cover.

The levy limit imposed by the State of Wisconsin is calculated by a worksheet and the Village cannot exceed the levy that the State imposes without a referendum.

Updated tax breakouts can be found on the Village's website at www.villageofstockbridge.org on the Tax & Assessment tab or can be viewed in person at the Village office or a request for information can be emailed to the Clerk at villageofstockbridge@tds.net.

Watch for postings on the public posting board, Mud Creek Coffee bulletin board, Post Office bulletin board or on the Village website for all budget work session and budget adoption meeting dates. All meetings are open to the public.



VILLAGE WATER & SEWER UTILITIES

The Village Water & Sewer Utility would like to remind all Village of Stockbridge residents that you can now take advantage of two new convenient options for your receiving and paying your monthly utility bills.

1. You can request to have your bills emailed to you. This saves the Utility on the cost of the post cards and postage and ensures your post card doesn't get lost in the mail!
2. You could, alternatively, request that your monthly utility fees be automatically withdrawn from your bank account through the new ACH option!

The forms to request these changes can be found on the Village website at www.villageofstockbridge.org. Just print off the form, complete and drop off or mail to the Village Office. Or you can also stop into the office to obtain a form or email Cindy at villageofstockbridgeutilities@gmail.com to request having a form sent to you.

Questions? Call Cindy at 439-1220



SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE

Disconnect sump pump discharges that flow to the street or alley and redirect the flow onto your own property between

November 1st and April 1st

This is done to prevent ice buildup on the sidewalks, alley and into the streets which could create a hazard to both motorists and pedestrians.

No cross connections into the sanitary sewer is permitted per Ordinance – Chapter 32.

PLEASE ADOPT A HYDRANT

Please refrain from blowing snow on top of the hydrant near your home or business and keep it free from snow during the winter months.



Calumet County Elder Nutrition Program

Eating a nutritious meal can help you maintain your health and independence! Anyone age 60 or older is welcome to join us at the Stockbridge Community Center (attached to the Fire Station) on Tuesdays at 11:00 for lunch. Call the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) at 920-849-1451 at least 24 hours in advance to reserve a meal. Suggested donation at the center is \$3.75. Would you like to attend but no longer drive? Call the ADRC to ask about transportation services. Does your health make it difficult to leave your home? Call and learn about our home delivered meal program—which is available Monday through Friday and a suggested donation of only \$4.00 a meal. Come to the center and enjoy a delicious lunch, socialize with your peers, attend a presentation and stay after for cards.

TOP 3 REASONS TO LICENSE YOUR DOG:

1 TO CONTROL/PREVENT
THE SPREAD OF RABIES

2 EASY IDENTIFICATION TO RETURN
LOST DOGS TO THEIR OWNERS

3 IT'S STATE LAW



Building & Planning

Before starting any building project, you need to be in compliance with Village, County, State or Federal regulations pertaining to grading, flooding, drainage, water, sewer, zoning, driveways and right-of-ways.

The general application can be found at www.villageofstockbridge.org on the Building/Zoning Code Tab. The Clerk, can issue basic permits such as window replacement, fence or roof but if your project entails any structural, electrical or plumbing components, you will need to contact the Building Inspector, Paul Birschbach at 849-9274, to obtain the permit.

Building permits are required for many reasons: To protect you, your family, neighborhood and property values. To ensure that the work performed is safe, that it meets environmental standards and complies with Village zoning and construction codes and to protect your property investment and to minimize liability or problems during a future sale of your property.

Building Inspector/Zoning Code Admin: If you have any questions regarding building code or inspection requirements notices, setbacks, or any zoning related questions please contact Village of Stockbridge Building Inspector/Zoning Code Administrator: Paul Birschbach at 920-849-9274 or 920-378-2857.

Assessor: The Village contracts with Grota Appraisals for assessment services. You may contact Linda Baxter at (262) 253-1142.

THE NEW “LOOK” OF THE TAX BILLS!

You have probably already noticed in 2017, that the tax bills looked slightly different from previous years. The County upgraded their software, thus creating the change in the look of the tax bills.

The tax bills are generated, printed and mailed from the Calumet County Treasurer's office. Each Municipal Treasurer collects and posts first installment or full payments that are received by January 31st. It is the responsibility of each treasurer to then reconcile the total amounts received and pay the other taxing jurisdictions (ie...schools, FVTC, County) their share of the money collected through January 31st. After that point, the Calumet County Treasurer's department takes over collecting the second installment payments and assumes the debt for unpaid or delinquent taxes.

The software displays collection data in “real time”, meaning as soon as the local Treasurer posts a payment, any tax payer should be able to log into the tax & land record link that can be found on the Calumet County website at <http://www.co.calumet.wi.us/> This site is very useful and should be accessed by property owners to review their data and contact the County with questions or concerns at 849-1457.

Make sure to look over your tax bill carefully. Note that the bill will alert you if you have any unpaid taxes from prior years by marking an asterisk in the box shown. This could indicate full payments that were left unpaid or even prior year's interest and/or penalty that were unpaid. The tax collection software starts calculating interest & penalty for any unpaid payments immediately after the close of tax collection deadlines, therefore, those charges must also be satisfied with the County Treasurer. Again, it is always advisable to review your account information on the County site!

SEE SAMPLE TAX BILL ON NEXT PAGE



VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE
PO BOX 292
STOCKBRIDGE, WI 53088

CALUMET COUNTY - STATE OF WISCONSIN
PROPERTY TAX BILL FOR 2017
REAL ESTATE

TAX PAYER NAME

Parcel Number: 12345
Bill Number: 67890

Important: Be sure this description covers your property. Note that this description is for tax bill only and may not be a full legal description. See reverse side for important information.

Location of Property/Legal Description
Address

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Please inform treasurer of address changes.

ASSESSED VALUE LAND	ASSESSED VALUE IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE	AVERAGE ASSMT. RATIO	NET ASSESSED VALUE RATE	NET PROPERTY TAX
22,400	0	22,400	0.950603823	0.02172412 (Does NOT reflect credits)	486.62
ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET VALUE LAND	ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET VALUE IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET VALUE	A star in this box means unpaid prior year taxes.	School taxes also reduced by school levy tax credit	
23,600	0	23,600		56.35	
TAXING JURISDICTION	2016 EST. STATE AIDS ALLOCATED TAX DIST.	2017 EST. STATE AIDS ALLOCATED TAX DIST.	2016 NET TAX	2017 NET TAX	% TAX CHANGE
STATE OF WISCONSIN	0	0	3.89	0.00	-100.0%
CALUMET COUNTY	32,678	35,335	131.83	140.49	6.6%
VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE	52,374	52,549	90.36	90.03	-0.4%
STOCKBRIDGE SCH DIST	222,877	224,953	219.11	230.55	5.2%
FOX VALLEY TECH	71,943	78,657	25.53	25.55	0.1%
STOC SCHL/H		0		0.00	
TOTAL	379,872	391,494	470.72	486.62	3.4%
FIRST DOLLAR CREDIT			0.00	0.00	0.0%
LOTTERY AND GAMING CREDIT			0.00	0.00	0.0%
NET PROPERTY TAX			470.72	486.62	3.4%

TOTAL DUE: \$486.62
FOR FULL PAYMENT, PAY TO LOCAL
TREASURER BY:
JANUARY 31, 2018

Warning: If not paid by due dates,
installment option is lost and total tax is
delinquent subject to interest and, if
applicable, penalty.
Failure to pay on time. See reverse.

FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY • Voter Approved Temporary Tax Increases

Taxing Jurisdiction	Total Additional Taxes	Total Additional Taxes Applied to Property	Year Increase Ends	Taxing Jurisdiction	Total Additional Taxes	Total Additional Taxes Applied to Property	Year Increase Ends
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PAY 1ST INSTALLMENT OF: \$243.31
BY JANUARY 31, 2018

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE
PO BOX 292
STOCKBRIDGE, WI 53088

PIN#
NAME
BILL NUMBER:

PAY 2ND INSTALLMENT OF: \$243.31
BY JULY 31, 2018

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

CALUMET COUNTY TREASURER
206 COURT ST.
CHILTON, WI 53014

PIN#
NAME
BILL NUMBER:

PAY FULL AMOUNT OF: \$486.62
BY JANUARY 31, 2018

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE
PO BOX 292
STOCKBRIDGE, WI 53088

PIN#
NAME
BILL NUMBER:

INCLUDE THIS STUB WITH YOUR PAYMENT

INCLUDE THIS STUB WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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THE RECYCLING MISTAKE YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW YOU WERE MAKING by Advanced Disposal

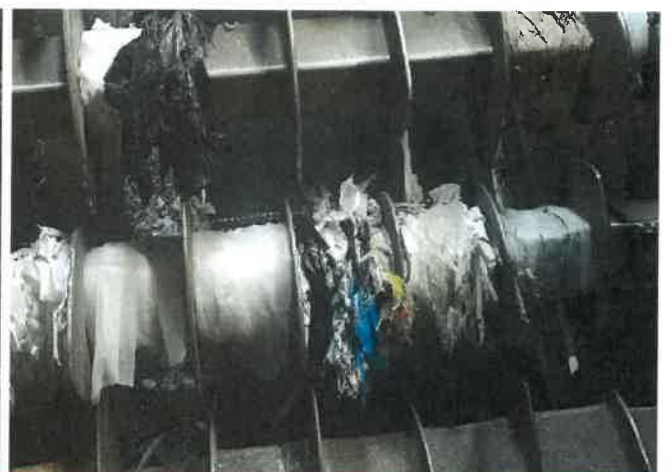
It seems everyone has gone green or is getting there soon, but you could be botching your recycling efforts and not even know it. Plastic grocery bags are a little-known misstep people often make in curbside recycling programs. They not only impact recycling facilities financially, but more importantly, they create a safety issue for employees.

When plastic bags are mixed with acceptable recyclable materials, the bags entwine in the equipment. Employees sort recyclables by hand and are in direct contact with every piece of material delivered to our recovery facilities. This causes unsafe conditions and downtime to clear the equipment.

Plastic bags also contaminate and lower the value of recyclable materials when they are mixed. The good news is, plastic bags can be recycled with the right collection system and processing equipment. Consider taking them to grocery stores, co-ops and retailers that accept clean, dry plastic bags for recycling. Look for specially designated bins usually located at the entrance of the store.

Each year, millions of dollars are spent removing items that shouldn't be in the recycling stream. You can help stop the clog and create new materials at the same time. Plastic bags and wraps can be recycled into plastic lumber that is used to make park benches, backyard decks and fences – even playground equipment!*

This one small effort can make a big impact on recycling efforts. Thank you for keeping bags out of the bin!



NO BAGS IN THE BIN!

2019 GARBAGE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>EXCEPTIONS</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>EXCEPTIONS</u>
JANUARY	4, 10, 17, 24, 31	PICK-UP MOVED TO 4 TH	JULY	<u>5</u> , 11, 18, 25	PICK-UP MOVED TO 5 TH
FEBRUARY	7, 14, 21, 28		AUGUST	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	
MARCH	7, 14, 21, 28		SEPTEMBER	<u>6</u> , 12, 19, 26	PICK-UP MOVED TO 6 TH
APRIL	4, 11, 18, 25		OCTOBER	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	
MAY	2, 9, 16, 23, <u>31</u>	PICK-UP MOVED TO 31 ST	NOVEMBER	7, 14, <u>22</u> , 28	PICK-UP MOVED TO 22 ND
JUNE	6, 13, 20, 27		DECEMBER	5, 12, 19, <u>27</u>	PICK-UP MOVED TO 27 TH

VILLAGE GARBAGE & RECYCLING COLLECTION IS ON THURSDAYS, WITH EXCEPTIONS DUE TO HOLIDAYS

VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE
"Sturgeon Center of the World"
POST OFFICE BOX 292
STOCKBRIDGE WI 53088-0292

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Our newsletter is published two times a year and mailed to all Village of Stockbridge property owners. It is also available on our website at www.villageofstockbridge.org
