

**TAX RATES per \$1,000** (approximately)

**2012 Tax Statement  
Newsletter**

**Instructions for Property Tax Payment**

Important! - We can only accept checks made payable to the Town of Sun Prairie. If your escrow check is made out to the City of Sun Prairie, you can either ask the City to endorse it over to the Town, or request a new check from your escrow company, payable to the Town. \*Checks will only be presented to the bank once. If your check is returned unpaid, you will need to make payment by cashier's check or cash. There is also a \$25 returned item fee payable to the Town.\*

*The first installment due date is January 31, 2013; second installment is due July 31, 2013. Payments must have a January postmark and be received within 5 days of that postmark to be considered timely. Payments postmarked by December 31 are considered paid for 2012 tax deductibility. If your tax escrow account with your mortgage company is larger than your tax bill, contact your mortgage company and request two checks, one in the exact amount of the tax bill and the other for the balance. If you are an out-of-town landowner, please include your phone number with your payment. We need to be able to reach you if there is an issue with your payment, especially if we are nearing payment deadlines.*

	Year			% change	\$300,000
	2012	2011	2010	2010-2012	home in 2012
Town	2.43188	2.42839	2.40101	1.30%	\$730
County	3.26351	3.22644	3.08071	5.9%	\$979
State	0.16276	0.16904	0.16751	-2.9%	\$49
MATC	1.74136	1.70274	1.45557	19.6%	\$522
common tax total	7.59951	7.52661	7.1048	7.0%	\$2,280
<i>School districts:</i>					
<b>Sun Prairie</b>	12.25220	12.56953	11.96531	2.40%	\$3,676
Less state school tax credit	-1.86646	-1.78478	-1.73478	7.60%	(\$560)
common tax	7.59951	7.52661	7.1048	6.96%	\$2,280
Net Tax	17.98525	18.31136	17.33533	3.75%	\$5,396
<b>Marshall</b>	10.30734	10.02176	9.72474	5.99%	\$3,092
Less state school tax credit	-1.86646	-1.78478	-1.73478	7.60%	(\$560)
common tax	7.59951	7.52661	7.1048	6.96%	\$2,280
Net Tax	16.04039	15.76359	15.09476	6.26%	\$4,812
<b>Monona Grove</b>	12.52794	13.02464	12.77522	-1.94%	\$3,758
Less state school tax credit	-1.86646	-1.78478	-1.73478	7.60%	(\$560)
common tax	7.59951	7.52661	7.1048	6.96%	\$2,280
Net Tax	18.26099	18.76647	18.14524	.64%	\$5,478

**Payment Options**

- 1) **By mail:** Make checks payable to **Town of Sun Prairie**, and mail to: **Town of Sun Prairie, Cindy Yelk, Treasurer, 5556 Twin Lane Road, Marshall, WI 53559**. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like a receipt.
- 2) **Drop box:** Drop box is located to the left of the front door. Drop your payment in the lower part of the box. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like a receipt.
- 3) **In person at the Town Hall**, 5556 Twin Lane Road.

Collection hours are **10am – 4pm** the following dates:  
 December 17, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27, and 28                      January 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, and 31

**\*\*NOTE** - The week between Christmas and New Year's will be incredibly busy. Expect long lines if you choose to pay in person those days (December 26, 27, and 28).

**\*\*\*If not paying taxes in full, pay 1st installment amount. Wrong amount paid may = delinquency.**

**Dog Licenses:** All dogs 5 months or older must be licensed and should carry a tag. Fees are as follows:

- \$11.00 Spayed Females or Neutered Males
- \$16.00 Females or Males
- \$50.00 Kennel (up to 12 dogs), \$10 for each additional dog
- \$5.00 Late fee if not licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup>, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership

**Proof of rabies vaccination from the veterinarian needs to be sent or brought in when getting your dog license.** Copies will be made and kept on file at the office. In order to receive a license the enclosed card MUST be completed including **rabies expiration date**. If you are mailing your license fee, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope so the tag(s) can be mailed to you. **Dog License fees MUST be paid with a separate check**

**Lottery Tax Credit** This amount varies by school district. The credit is applied only to a parcel with a house, which is the owner's main residence as of January 1, 2012. If your tax bill does not show a lottery credit contact Cindy Yelk at 837-6688.

**Special Charge for Automated Curbside Collection** As a result of the Volume Based Trash and Recycling Program which is in effect in the Town of Sun Prairie, the Town was awarded a \$13,650 grant by the DNR. The volume-based program allows for collection of one 65 gallon cart of trash per week. The Town Board has used this grant to reduce the cost of the curbside program. The charge for 2013 is \$165.00 per residential unit. Without the grant, the rate would be higher.

**Private Septic Maintenance Assessment** Your tax bill includes a special assessment labeled "Private Septic Maintenance" for the private sewage system on your lot. The annual fee is \$8.67/system/year. The fee is used to support the county program to maintain an inventory of all private sewage systems in Dane County and ensure that these systems are operating in such a way that they do not endanger our groundwater resources.

**Town Assessed Value** The Town of Sun Prairie aggregate assessed valuation for 2012 is \$260,212,000. The assessment ratio is 104.27%. This means the current assessments are at 104.27% of market value, generating an equalized value of \$249,567,000. (The 2011 aggregate assessed value was \$259,936,100, 100.39% of market value).

**Population Count** The 2012 population of the Town of Sun Prairie is 2315. When you file your state income tax forms make sure you identify yourself in the proper "tax district" which is the Town of Sun Prairie. Check that your vehicle registration indicates Town of Sun Prairie. This will ensure that the Town receives its fair share of available funds, which ultimately reduces the general property tax.

**NO PARKING on Roads, Streets or Right of Way from December 1 to April 1.** The snowplows need room to clear the roads of snow. Vehicles will be ticketed and towed!!

**Christmas Tree Pick-up:** Wednesday January 9th and Wednesday, January 16th. Place trees at the roadside, not in the road.

**Sharing the Road with a Snow Plow** Please remain a safe distance behind the snowplows. State law requires a distance of 200 feet. While the trucks are clearing intersections, the drivers back up numerous times. This is dangerous if other drivers are close behind. The drivers must concentrate on the height of the plow, the shoulder of the road, the traffic, etc., all within the cab of the truck with a loud engine roar. Show them every courtesy possible. The drivers work many hours on a snowy day, sometimes beginning at 3 a.m. to make the roads safer for you. Thank you for your consideration.

Just a reminder to **keep your rural number sign visible**.

**Happy Holidays  
And  
Best Wishes  
for the New Year!**

**Cindy Yelk, Treasurer  
Jo Ann Ramsfield, Clerk**

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