

2015 Tax Statement Newsletter

TAX RATES per \$1,000 (approximately)

	Year			% change	\$300,000
	2015	2014	2013	2013-2015	home in 2015
Town	2.53456	2.43496	2.44274	3.76%	\$760
County	3.38764	3.27208	3.25633	4.03%	\$1,016
State	0.16053	0.15736	0.15726	2.08%	\$48
MATC	.87718	.86581	1.70597	-48%	\$263
common tax total	6.95991	6.73021	7.56230	-7.97%	\$2,087
<i>School districts:</i>					
Sun Prairie	12.05154	11.87372	12.18209	-1.07%	\$3,615
Less state school tax credit	-2.11860	-1.90164	-1.90882	10.99%	(\$636)
common tax	6.95991	6.73021	7.56230	-7.97%	\$2,087
Net Tax	16.89285	16.70229	17.83557	-5.29%	\$5,066
Marshall	12.18748	11.94059	12.19324	-.05%	\$3,656
Less state school tax credit	-2.11860	-1.90164	-1.90882	10.99%	(\$636)
common tax	6.95991	6.73021	7.56230	-7.97%	\$2,087
Net Tax	17.02879	16.76916	17.84672	-4.58%	\$5,107
Monona Grove	12.19501	12.49572	12.83817	-5.01%	\$3,659
Less state school tax credit	-2.11860	-1.90164	-1.90882	10.99%	(\$636)
common tax	6.95991	6.73021	7.56230	-7.97%	\$2,087
Net Tax	17.03632	17.32429	18.49165	-7.87%	\$5,110

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 be deposited the same day I receive them, and 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, 2016; second installment is due July 31, 2016. 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 2015 tax deductibility. If your tax escrow check from your mortgage company is larger than your tax bill you have two options. The Town will refund the overpayment but it may take a month or more, or you can contact your mortgage company and request two checks, one in the exact amount of the tax bill payable to the Town and the other for the balance payable to you. 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 the end of the month.

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, Marshall, WI 53559.

Collection hours are **10am – 4pm** the following dates:

December: **16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30th**

January: **18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29th**

**NOTE - The days between Christmas and New Year's may be incredibly busy. Expect long lines if you choose to pay in person those days (December 28, 29, and 30th).

***If not paying taxes in full, pay **1st installment amount**. **Wrong amount paid may = delinquency. Credit Cards can be used to pay taxes—but you are responsible for any fees charged by GovPayNet. The fee schedule is on the Town Website.**

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 1st, 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, 2015. 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 \$13,663 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 2016 is \$145.00 per residential unit, the same as 2015. Without the grant, the rate would be much 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 2015 is \$269,443,600. The assessment ratio is 105.72%. This means the current assessments are at 105.72% of market value, generating an equalized value of \$254,867,200. (The 2014 aggregate assessed value was \$265,712,000, 107.85% of market value).

Population Count The 2015 population of the Town of Sun Prairie is 2352. 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. **Please check that your vehicle registration indicates Town of Sun Prairie when you receive a renewal notice.** This will ensure that the Town receives its fair share of available funds, which ultimately reduces the general property tax.

Christmas Tree Disposal: New this year, there will be a roll-off (dumpster) in the Town Hall parking lot for you to bring your tree to. This was done in an effort to keep the cost of collection down. The roll-off will be brought out by December 31st, and picked up January 10th, 2016.

Curbside collection calendars are available on the website. You may also pick one up in the office, or send a request to me and provide a self addressed, stamped envelope to have it mailed to you.

A friendly reminder: **keep your rural number sign visible..**

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 vehicles 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. and earlier to make the roads safer for you. Thank you for your consideration.

Per State Statutes, residents are not to push snow from their driveway across the road, so please don't do this, it's hard on the plows.

NO PARKING on Roads, Streets or Right of Ways from December 1, 2015 to April 1, 2016. Vehicles will be ticketed and towed!!

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

Cindy Yelk, Treasurer

Jo Ann Ramsfield, Clerk

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