

TOWN TOPICS

***** DECEMBER 2010*****

TOWN OF VERONA

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BOARD MEMBERS

Town Chair

David K. Combs - 845-6607

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Josh Klein - 848-5800

Second Supervisor

Gregg Miller - 845-8433

Third Supervisor

Manfred Enburg - 845-6356

Fourth Supervisor

Kristen Prucha - 848-5800

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STAFF - 845-7187

Rose M. Johnson - Administrator/
Public Works

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Tammy Dresser - Admin. Assistant

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Judd - Full time

John Hageman, Richard Steele -

Part time / Snow Removal

Ray Wagner - Snow Removal

Ron Lease - Project Manager

TOWN ASSESSOR

Paul Musser - 712-2847

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Richard Steele - 209-3907

Office Hours

(Mondays 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.)

SENIOR SERVICES

Meals on Wheels - 845-7187

Case Management/

Peg McNeil - 279-1085

DANE CO. SHERIFF

Non-Emergency - 255-2345

VERONA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Business Calls - 845-9401

NEW 2010 TAX COLLECTION HOURS

Please take notice of the following weekday tax collection hours at the Town of Verona Office.

December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26thCLOSED

December 27th -30th (Mo-Thu).... OPEN 7:00am to 2:00pm

December 31st (Fri) OPEN 7:00am to 5:30pm

January 1, 2011..... CLOSED

WARNING:

If you pay by installment, please be sure to pay the **first installment amount** to **avoid late fees and penalty.** If the amount paid is less than the first installment, the County is required to treat the balance as delinquent and charge penalty and interest on the entire tax.

Please do not wait until the very last days in case there are any problems that may be fixable. Penalties for being delinquent are severe. Specifically, the entire tax bill becomes immediately due and interest and penalty charges of 1.5% per month apply.

TAX PAYMENTS:

Enclose the lower slip of your tax bill with your check when paying taxes BY MAIL. If you are requesting a receipt, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. If payment is made by check, tax receipt is not valid until check has cleared all banks. Please make **payable** to TOWN OF VERONA. Mail to: Town of Verona, 335 N. Nine Mound Rd Verona, WI 53593

To obtain a **2010 income tax deduction**, real estate tax payments received in the Town Office by Dec 31st with a **Dec 31st postmark** will be credited as such.

Full or 1st installment payments are due January 31, 2011. Payments are date receipted on the day they are received, not the date on the check. **Do not post date checks** – checks are deposited on the date received.

There is a **\$15.00 deposit return fee** for returned checks. If you pay in cash, bring the **exact** amount. Please pay **dog license fees** with a **separate** check.

Mortgage company checks made out to property owners **AND** the Town of Verona **must be endorsed by ALL payees** prior to payment to the Town. Refunds of over-payments will be mailed within one week. If you cannot wait for your refund check, have your mortgage company make out two checks, one to the town for tax amount due and one to you for balance in your escrow account.

For **mailing address changes**, change your address on the lower slip of your tax bill when submitted **for payment.** (**Please mark the** ‘check for billing address change’ box.)

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS:

Enclosed is the 2011 Dog license application. Dogs over 5 months of age must be licensed. *Proof of vaccination (with expiration date) is required.* The license year commences on January 1 and ends on the following December. The deadline for each dog license is MARCH 31ST. Fees are: **Neutered dogs are \$20.00, un-neutered dogs are \$15.00. Multi dog licenses are available for up to 12 dogs for \$55.00.** There is a 4 dog limit per residence containing two (2) contiguous acres or less. Pay for your dog license with a **separate** check to the Town of Verona.

GARBAGE/ RECYCLING

The cost for garbage and recyclable goods for 2011 is \$151.00 per residential unit and is included on your tax bill as a special charge.

In 2008, Town taxpayers provided a (tan) trash cart and (green) recyclable cart to each residence. Property owners are solely responsible for the \$150.00 per cart replacement cost in the event one is damaged or stolen.

Taxpayers will be responsible for damage resulting from improper care and control of these containers.

Property owners should not allow trash or recyclable containers to remain in the Town road right of way for more than twenty-four (24) hours after Monday's garbage collection.

Pellitteri Waste Systems is not obligated to collect garbage or recyclable goods which are not

placed by the roadside by 6:00 a.m. of the day of collection.

PRIVATE SEPTIC MAINTENANCE PROGRAM CHANGES IN 2010

In November 2009, the Dane County Board authorized the Department to collect an annual fee on the property tax bill. This change will allow reduction in costs and streamline the reporting process for owners, professionals, and program staff.

The annual septic maintenance fee will now be \$8.67 per system, or 1/3rd of the current 3-year fee of \$26. In 2010, the fees will be determined based on the number of systems on the property and the last time that the septic maintenance fee was paid. This will allow transition for everyone from a 3-year billing cycle to an annual billing cycle. Those that have already paid their maintenance fee in 2010 have been assessed a fee of \$0,

which will appear on your tax bill. Fee-exempt properties will also get a property tax bill with only this fee assessed.

For more information, please visit the webpage at www.publichealthmdc.com. If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Department of Environmental Health by email at privateseptic@publichealthmdc.com or by phone at 242-6515.

LOTTERY AND GAMING CREDIT

The lottery and gaming credit amount is included in the total tax due on each tax parcel that qualified as your primary residence of January 1st, 2010. If you did not get a lottery credit and feel you are entitled to it, contact the Town Office at 845-7187.

FIRST DOLLAR CREDIT

Any parcel with a valuation under the improvements category qualifies for

the First Dollar Credit. A line has been added on the tax bill just above the Lottery and Gaming Credit line. The First Dollar Credit is split between the first and second installment amounts.

2011 DESK ART CALENDAR

The Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission's 2011 Desk Art Calendar "*Flora and Fauna*" is available at the Town office for purchase of \$8.00 each and features artworks by fourteen local artists. Your calendar purchase helps support the Dane Co. Cultural Affairs Commission's Mission and programs. Get yours now. *Sales are brisk!*

TOWN CITIZEN MESSAGE CENTER

The Town website www.town.verona.wi.us offers the option to 'subscribe' allowing citizens the option of obtaining electronic Town of Verona meeting agendas and other matters as they pertain to town government.