



IMPORTANT TAXPAYER NOTICE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Tax Information Line to call with Questions Regarding Tax Bill:
(608) 845-7187

YOUR 2014 TOWN OF VERONA PROPERTY TAX BILL IS ENCLOSED.

Make checks payable to: **TOWN OF VERONA**

Payment of Taxes
Due Date
January 31, 2015.

Payment Methods

Full Payment Method:

Taxpayers may pay their Real Estate Taxes in full to the Town of Verona on or before January 31, 2015 without penalty or interest.

Installment Method:

Real Estate Taxes can be paid in two installments.

The **full amount of the 1st installment must** be paid on or before January 31, 2015 to qualify for the installment plan.

The **2nd installment** will be due and payable to the **Dane County Treasurer** no later than July 31, 2015.

To obtain a 2014 Income Tax Deduction, Real Estate Tax payment made by mail **must be paid or postmarked on or before December 31, 2014** to be considered paid on time.

Business Personal Property Taxes

are due in full on or before January 31, 2015.
No installment plan is available.

Late Payments

A payment becomes delinquent the day immediately following the due date, if unpaid. Once an installment payment is delinquent, the entire unpaid amount of the tax bill becomes due with interest and penalty of 1 ½% per month beginning February 1st, 2015.

Tips When Making Your Payment

If payment is being made in part or in full with an escrow check, please make sure the escrow check is endorsed by **ALL** payees before making the tax payment.

If your mortgage holder pays your taxes, please forward the entire Tax Statement to them.

Where and How Payments Can Be Made

Payments may be made in person at the **Town Office** at 335 N. Nine Mound Rd, or at the **State Bank of Cross Plains** at 108 N. Main Street **located in Verona.**

Hours to receive payment in the bank lobby for the **State Bank of Cross Plains are Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm & Saturday 9:00am – Noon. Payments will not be accepted at the Drive-Thru. OPEN - DEC 24TH 9:00AM-12:00N CLOSED – DEC 25TH, JAN 1ST & JAN 19TH.** Note: (The State Bank of Cross Plains does not collect Dog License fees.) Tax bill required with check or cash in exact amount.

Payments **made by mail** must be accompanied by the remittance portion of the tax bill. Please **MAIL EARLY.**

Credit card and Electronic check payments are **NOT** available for payment of Real Estate Tax bills. If you pay in **Cash**, bring the **exact** amount.

Do not place your tax bill and payment in the Town of Verona Mailbox with or without a postmarked stamp. We cannot accept responsibility for your tax bill. It is considered a Federal felony to interfere with another person's mailbox which does include the placement of items in a mail receptacle by persons other than postal employees. In short, anyone other than mail recipients and postal employees should not touch a mailbox or its contents.

\$20.00 Deposit Return Fee for returned checks.

TAX COLLECTION HOURS
TOWN OFFICE OPEN
DEC 26, 29, 30 & 31
8am-2pm

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED
DEC 24, 25
JAN 1

Refunds

In the event of an escrow overpayment, refunds will be made via check:

1. Collection period prior to Dec 31st - refund check will be mailed the third week in January.
2. Collection period Jan 1st thru Jan 31st - refund check will be mailed the third week in February.

Lottery Credit

A lottery credit of \$132.40 should appear on your bill if you owned your home and occupied it as your **primary residence** as of January 1, 2014.

For those parcels that are eligible and do not have the credit shown, please stop in at the Town office prior to making payment.

Taxpayer must sign a claim form (LC-100 or LC-110) to enable a reduction on your tax bill amount. The form must be in our hands by January 31st, 2015....postmark date does not count for lottery credits.

2014 Special Charges (Included in your tax bill.)

Garbage/Recycling : \$140.00
*Cart Replacement Fee: \$7.00
Private Septic Maintenance: \$8.67
Sewer Utility District #1 - \$213.00
(Single Family Home)

*For the replacement of trash and recycle carts when they have reached the end of their life span - approximately 10-15 years.

Dog Licenses

Owners are required to obtain a Dog license by March 31, 2015. **Dane County** requires all rabies vaccination information before license can be issued.

If paying by mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). Submit a **SEPARATE CHECK** along with the enclosed dog license application.

If you Would like a Receipt or Tax Bill Information

If you are **mailing in your payment** and would like a receipt returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope, (SASE) accompanied by the remittance portion of the tax bill and your payment.

If making your payment in person, **PLEASE** bring in the top and bottom portion of your tax bill. We will keep the lower remittance portion and return the top portion, stamped paid as your receipt.

You can also print a Tax E-Receipt at www.accessdane.co.dane.wi.us Parcel search for your parcel, scroll down to Tax Detail (far right column) and click E-Receipt. This is an electronic receipt of payments made for the tax year 2014.

Current and prior year assessments are available to view. Tax payments going back to 2003 are also available to view by clicking Tax Payment History. You will see the tax year, date of payment and the amount.

First Dollar Credit

The First Dollar Credit was new with tax year 2008. Unlike the lottery credit, property owners who are eligible will receive the credit on their bill automatically without any forms to sign or applications to submit.

To be eligible, the property (parcel) must have an improvement. The credit equals the school property tax on a certain amount of the value of the parcel with improvements. The first dollar credit shown on your 2014 tax bill is \$78.24.

For taxpayers who pay their taxes in two or more installments, the credit is applied equally to each installment.

Public Works Corner:

In 2014 the Town upgraded Range Trail from the city boundary to Sunset Drive and also repaved Davis Hills. We also did follow up seal coating on Sunset Drive between Range Trail and State Highway 69 and various smaller maintenance projects.

In 2015 the intersection of Range Trail and Sunset will be improved and Range Trail will be completed from Sunset Drive to the town line. Another smaller project, possibly in the Goose Lake area, will fill out the 2015 construction season.

In 2015 we will be designing the replacement of two deteriorating bridges on Old PB in partnership with the City of Verona and the WI Department of Transportation.

Amanda Arnold's Corner: 2014 was a busy but good year. As you can see by all the information in this newsletter, the town staff has been busy. We got through a tough winter, held three elections, repaired roads, had steady building permits, and continued to work with the Cities of Fitchburg and Verona on long range planning issues.

One big unexpected event was dealing with our first tornado in many, many years. **Thank you to everyone** who pitched in to help clean up. Although a lot of people still have repairs to deal with, we're happy it wasn't worse. **The Town owes a big thank you to the City of Verona** for their help with the clean-up. It was really a team effort. The clean-up cost the Town approximately \$16,000. Luckily both the Town and the City got assistance from the state. We were reimbursed for 70% of our eligible costs.

Snow Removal & Trash/Recyclable Cart Tips

Trash and Recyclables will continue as scheduled through the winter months. Please make sure that you position the trash and recyclable carts on the road shoulder with the lid hinge on the ditch side so that the trucks can pick them up. After collection, we also ask that you move the carts off the road right of way as soon as possible.

Our snowplow operators must be able to clear the road shoulders and often do this several hours after a major snowfall. While our operators make every effort to avoid them, it is very difficult to see the carts when it is dark or they are covered with snow.

THE TOWN IS NOT LIABLE FOR REPLACING TRASH AND RECYCLABLE CARTS THAT HAVE BEEN HIT BY OUR SNOW PLOWS.

The trash/recyclable carts were purchased by the town, but you are responsible for maintaining them.

Property owners are solely responsible for the \$150.00 per cart replacement cost in the event one is damaged, stolen or improper care and control.

It's OK to place the trash and recyclable containers on the shoulder the night before pickup, but it would really help us do a better job of clearing snow if you could place the containers on the road early the morning of trash collection day, especially when there has been a significant snowfall during the night. Our operators will be looking for the carts on trash day. PLEASE relocate the container off the road right of way after the Pellitteri waste hauler has collected your trash.

Pellitteri Waste Systems is not obligated to collect garbage or recyclable goods which are not placed by the roadside by 6:00am on the day of the

collection. PLEASE review the back side of Pellitteri's trash/recycling calendar for more information. **ADDITIONAL RECYCLABLES THAT DON'T FIT IN THE GREEN CART MAY BE PUT IN CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS AND PLACED NEXT TO THE GREEN RECYCLING CART.**

New Snow Parking Regulation
In order to avoid conflicts between our plows and parked cars, **ALL PARKING is PROHIBITED** on the following streets during snow emergencies from **Nov 15 to April 1** each year DeMarco Trail, Pheasant Lane, Goose Lake Drive and Rolling Oaks Lane. Posted signs to be installed. Keep **Rural Fire number signs** upright and visible for emergency personnel. When these numbers are incorrect, out of sequence or missing, they severely hamper the ability for quick response of our emergency workers.

Private use of Salt and Sand

The 2014-15 salt contract for the Town of Verona salt costs have increased from \$63.16 per ton to \$72.63 per ton due to supply and demand.

Please note the Town's policy of charging for a bucket of salt. A 5 gallon bucket is free, but if more is taken..... a suggested donation is \$2 to \$3 per additional 5 gallon bucket.

The calculation for a bucket of salt based on our new costs computes to: Ton of salt = \$72.63. A ton is 2000 lbs. The cost per pound for salt is 3.63 cents. If a 5 gallon bucket is 50 lbs. then each 5 gallon bucket costs the Town \$1.82. Market rate for a 50 lb. bag is \$5.

Please respect the fact that salt and sand are not a free resource for personal use.

Snow Removal & Mailbox Tips

There is nothing more frustrating than clearing snow and then finding that your friendly snowplow operator has laid a swath of wet, heavy snow across the end of your driveway. Believe it or not, our operators try to shoulder to the left of you as you face the road. This will give the snow that accumulates on the snowplow blade a place to go before it gets to the end of your driveway.

Check your mailboxes and posts. Every year a few mailboxes are knocked into the ditch by the snow thrown from the plow. Again, we make every effort to avoid this, but the plows need to maintain enough speed to throw accumulated snow well off the road. If our plows hit your mailbox or post, we will replace it with a very serviceable standard \$12 black box from local vendors – the Town does not replace 'designer' mailboxes.

It is your obligation to maintain your mailbox so that it is sturdy enough to withstand impact of snow thrown off the plow.

Please notify the Town office within 7 days if you discover your mailbox was hit. We will send out our road patrolman to make a determination.



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, newsletters and other matters as they pertain to Town government.

New Ordinance 2014-2 establishing Traffic Regulations for the Town of Verona....

went into effect July 1, 2014. The Town of Verona has entered into an intergovernmental agreement for the operation of a (Shared Municipal Court) with the Town of Madison and Town of Middleton. This will allow the Town to enforce traffic regulations directly in the Shared Municipal Court pertaining to state law, prohibited signs, signals, markers, speed limits stopping and yielding, parking regulations, abandoned vehicles, snowmobiles and other off-highway vehicles, neighborhood electric vehicles, penalties and enforcement. Refer to Chapter 5 (Sec. 5.01 thru 5.10) of the Town of Verona Municipal Code.

Welcome to our (3) new contracted deputies – Deputy Jay O'Neil and K-9 Deputy Hunter, Deputy Paul Thompson and Deputy Rick Larson. They are doing additional patrolling in the Town of Verona eight hours per week at random times and locations. All are familiar with the areas within the township. One primary concern is traffic enforcement **all are very efficient with writing traffic citations.**

Land Acquisition

On Nov 25, 2014 the Town Board with approval from the citizens at the annual town meeting, purchased 43.75 acres located at 7685 CTH PD for the **future location of a new Town Hall.**

In 2015, architects and engineers will be listening to elected officials, staff who work in the building, and residents to follow their lead in selecting the best features to fit the Town's needs. It will be a symbol of what's important to the Town of Verona 1968 residents.

Associated Appraisal Consultants

The Town of Verona Board of Supervisors recently approved a three year contract with Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. to provide assessment services to the Town. Associated Appraisal has been in business since 1959 and partners with many towns, cities and villages throughout Wisconsin.

Beginning November 1, 2014, Associated Appraisal team members are available to answer your property value questions at 1-800-721-4157 during normal business hours Monday through Friday. They are also reachable via email and voice mail. You can find more information about Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. at www.apraz.com. Associated Appraisal assessors drive company vehicles and wear company issued clothing so they can be easily identified and trusted when they are working in the Town of Verona.



Sugar River Senior Services

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE TOWN has a new contract with the Belleville Senior Center for HOME MEAL DELIVERIES AND CASE MANAGEMENT REFERRALS FOR TOWN RESIDENTS.

If you or someone you know needs assistance please call the Senior Citizens Program Office at 608-424-6007, Monday – Friday 9:00am-3:00pm or email bseniors@frontier.com.

Deliver a Hot Noon Time Meal and a Warm Smile

You can also help provide this valuable service by being a driver of meals for as little as one or two days a month.

To schedule a time to sign up and help your fellow neighbors, call the Senior Citizens Program office at 608-424-6007. Mileage reimbursed by RSVP of Dane County.



Time Out to be Thankful to all of YOU our Town Citizens who continue to help out with this invaluable service to our community.

**Martha Maxwell
Ray Wagner
Robert Bovy
Robert Stellick
Lorett Jellings
Don Hefty
Jon Schellpfeffer
Sally Schroeder
Linda Sweeney
Karen Wolf**

Open Space and Parks

Falk Wells Sugar River Wildlife Area is now open to the public. The 466 acre purchase includes 340 acres that are dedicated to public use. The remaining 126 acres has been placed under a conservation easement. A new parking area has been constructed off of State Highway 69 and another is planned off of Sunset Drive.

The Open Space and Parks Commission (OSPC) is always interested in recruiting new members and currently has a vacancy.

Please contact the Town of Verona Office at 845-7187 if

you are interested in serving on this Commission. **The Mission Statement for the Town of Verona OSPC Commission is as follows:**

To identify, protect and preserve natural areas in the Town of Verona for the purpose of ecological health, recreation and enjoyment by present and future generations.

Want A Change? Run For Office



On April 7th, 2015 there will be an election held in the Town of Verona for the office of Town Chair, 1st and 2nd Supervisors currently held by Dave Combs, Robert Rego and Gregg Miller. All three have declared their intent not to seek re-election.

Nomination papers can be circulated between December 1, 2014 and January 6, 2015. We recommend a total of 30 signatures. Please stop by the Town office to pick up the registration statement, declaration of candidacy and nomination papers.

The deadline to file papers is 5:00pm, Tuesday – January 6, 2015.

The first step in the election process is to be sure you are a registered voter in the Town of Verona.

If you are a new resident, recently changed your name or address, or have never voted before in the Town of Verona you will need to complete a Voter Registration Application.

This application is available at the Town Office Mon – Fri. 8:00 am– 2:00 pm, or on our website www.town.verona.wi.us or you can register online using www.myvote.wi.gov.



Are you missing your Sunglasses?

We have a really nice, expensive pair of ladies sunglasses that were left at the Town Hall on Election Day – one month ago. Our findings indicate the SUNGLASS LADY is someone who lives in the northwest section of the Township and voted between 4:30pm and 8:00pm Election Day.

Message from the Town Chair

As 2014 comes to a close it's a good time to reflect a bit on the past and look ahead to next year. Reflecting on 2014... In January, we entered into a new 30-year agreement for fire protection with the city of Verona. I believe this is good news because we are assured of great fire protection and can more easily budget for this critical service for the long term. On June 17 a tornado destroyed a barn, damaged several homes and left downed power lines and trees in its wake. Our emergency plan and cleanup efforts were put to the test. Several elections with ever-changing election laws and new voting equipment also tested our resiliency. I'm pleased to say that the town staff and volunteers passed all these challenges with flying colors. Next year the town will be relocating our town hall. Watch for special meetings in January and February as we begin the process of planning for a new town hall. Finally I have decided not to seek re-election in 2015. I've been on the board as a supervisor and chair for about 15 years. It's been a great run. I'm proud of many accomplishments I've been a part of over the past 15 years and confident that the town is in good hands. I want to thank all of you who have supported me and let you know that it has been an honor to represent you. Happy Holidays. Dave Combs.



APPLICATION FOR 2015 DANE COUNTY DOG LICENSE

All dogs over 5 months old must be licensed.
Dog license(s) are due **January 1, 2015.**

Date Paid

Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| NM (Neutered Male) | M (Male) | SF (Spayed Female) | F (Female) | Multi (Up to 12 dogs.) |
| \$15.00 _____ | \$20.00 _____ | \$15.00 _____ | \$20.00 _____ | \$55.00 _____ |

License # <i>(Office Use Only)</i>	Dog Name	Breed	Color	Rabies Exp. Date	Fee
1) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Late Fee \$5.00 per dog if paid after March 31, 2015					_____
Totals					_____

Cash or Check No. _____

Per the Town of Verona Animal Control Ordinance, all dog owners must license their dogs. Included above is the application for a dog license. The dog license application can also be downloaded from our website.

Dog licenses expire on December 31st, 2014. Fees are \$15.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$20.00 for un-neutered or un-spayed dogs. Puppies should be licensed once they reach five months of age and have received a rabies vaccination. There is a 4 dog limit per residence containing two (2) contiguous acres or less. The deadline to renew your dog license is March 31, 2015. After that date, a \$5.00 late penalty will be added to the above fees.

To receive your dog license by mail, please mail in the application and appropriate fees with a stamped self-addressed envelope to Town of Verona, 335 N. Nine Mound Rd, Verona, WI 53593. Please make separate check payable to the TOWN OF VERONA.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE TOWN OFFICE IF YOU NO LONGER OWN A DOG.

