



IMPORTANT **TAXPAYER NOTICE**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

**Payment of Taxes
Due Date
January 31, 2017.**

**All Tax and Dog License Payments to be accepted at the
335 N. Nine Mound Rd location ONLY.**

Questions Regarding Tax Bill call (608) 845-7187

YOUR 2016 TOWN OF VERONA PROPERTY TAX BILL IS ENCLOSED.

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

Payment Methods

Full Payment Method:

Taxpayers may pay their Real Estate Taxes in full to the Town of Verona, on or before January 31, 2017 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, 2017 to qualify for the installment plan.

The **2nd installment** will be due and payable to the **Dane County Treasurer** no later than July 31, 2017.

We provide a date-stamped receipt when making payments in person. Copies will be mailed to you if requested and accompanied by a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope.

Business Personal Property Taxes

Payments are due in full on or before January 31, 2017.

No installment plan is available.

Delinquent Payments

If you pay your taxes late, you must pay interest on the unpaid portion. This interest goes back to February 1st. Property tax information is available online at Access Dane. Please contact Dane County Treasurer for all delinquent real estate tax information at 608-266-4151.

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 must be made in person at the **Town Office** at 335 N. Nine Mound Rd, Verona.

Tax bill required with check or cash in exact amount of 1st installment or total.

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**, please bring the **exact** amount.

2016 Payments WILL NOT be accepted at the State Bank of Cross Plains.

\$20.00 Deposit Return Fee for returned checks.

HOLIDAY TAX COLLECTION HOURS

At Town Office –
335 N. Nine Mound Rd

**Dec 19, 20, 21, 22
27, 28, 29, 30, 2016
(8:00 AM- 2:00 PM)**

**TOWN OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
Dec 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 2016
&
Jan 1 & 2, 2017**

The 2016 Pellitteri Trash and Recycle Calendar is available to Town residents via electronic copy on the Town of Verona website. Go to www.town.verona.wi.us to print off an 'E' copy. Only 100 preprinted calendars are available at the Town office to those residents on a first come basis. This change has saved some dollars for the Town of Verona.

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 \$150.99 should appear on your bill if you owned your home and occupied it as your **primary residence** as of January 1, 2016.

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, 2017....postmark date does not count for lottery credits.

2016 Special Charges (Included in your tax bill.)

Garbage/Recycling: \$145.00
*Cart Replacement Fee: \$7.00
Private Septic Maintenance: \$8.67
Sewer Utility District #1 - \$373.00 (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, 2017. **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 2015.

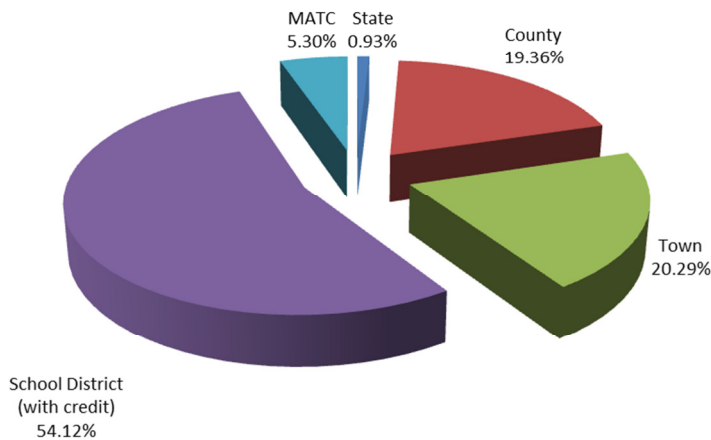
Current and prior year assessments are available to view. Tax payments going back to 2003 are also available to view by clicking Tax Payment History. You will see the tax year, date of payment and the amount.

First Dollar Credit

The First Dollar Credit was new in 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.

The maximum credit equals the school property tax on a certain amount of the value of the parcel with improvements. To be eligible, the property (parcel) must have an improvement value. The first dollar credit shown on your 2016 tax bill is \$80.29.

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

2016 Tax Bill Distribution**Dear Town of Verona Taxpayer:**

In addition to taxes for the Town, your bill includes taxes for the Verona Area School District, Dane County, Madison Area Technical College and the State Forestry Tax. The graph shows what portion of your bill goes to each jurisdiction. The table below shows the 2016 tax rate for each taxing jurisdiction.

Taxing Jurisdiction	2016 Tax Rate
State of Wisconsin	0.1734
Dane County	3.6020
Town of Verona	3.7752
MATC	0.9868
Verona Area School District	12.2452
School Tax Levy Credit	-2.1762
TOTAL TOV MIL RATE	18.6064

Town of Verona Is Moving Forward - Mark Geller, Verona Town Chair

It has been almost two years since I was elected to the office of Town Chair, and what a fantastic time it has been! We are moving the Town forward in so many ways.

The new town hall facilities; a Town Hall with community space, a public works building and a salt shed, on County Highway PD, are scheduled to be complete in January. We look forward to welcoming residents to use the community space and creating a new town destination. The buildings are quality structures that will serve the Town for years to come.

We've talked about updating the Town's comprehensive plan and reaching a boundary agreement with the City of Verona in order to plan for the Town's future for a long time, and now the work is really happening. The boundary agreement was approved unanimously by the City and Town in June, and the Plan Commission is working hard on the new Comprehensive Plan. The first major housing development in more than fifteen years is currently under construction, and the Town is working hard to find a way to continue to grow while still protecting our rural character and natural resources.

Because so much work lies in front of the Town, we've expanded our operational structure by adding citizen committees that advise the Town Board on public works projects, financial issues, ordinance improvements, and opportunities to preserve and expand natural and recreational areas. More and more people are becoming involved and we're getting more done.

Last but not least, your Town continues to run its regular business to the best of its ability. We continue to work on improving roads, be financially responsible, run transparent elections, and address your individual needs. If you ever have questions or concerns about the Town, please feel free to email me at mgeller@town.verona.wi.us.

Comprehensive Plan Update Underway - Doug Maxwell, Plan Commission Chair

What is your vision for land use in 2037 for the Town of Verona? What land will be in agriculture, woods, or residential houses? Will there be more businesses? Will there be more multi-family housing units? These are the questions that the Plan Commission struggles with as they are developing the next 20 year comprehensive land use plan for the Town.

It is clear that land will be lost to annexation into the City of Madison and City of Verona. To compensate for this loss of tax base, development will need to be planned so as to increase the tax base in the Town.

As a means of encouraging public input into this process of developing the comprehensive plan, the Town has been divided into eight areas, which have similar characteristics. Surveys are being sent to the parcel owners in an area and a public meeting follows to present a draft of a land use plan for that area. The Plan Commission will use this information from these eight meetings to develop an overall comprehensive land use plan for the Town.

A draft of a plan for land use in the whole Town will then be presented to the public for discussion. It is expected that this planning process will be completed by early fall of 2017. The Plan Commission generally meets the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm and the comprehensive plan is discussed at each of these meetings.

Upcoming Meetings/Events to Watch for:

**Jan 9, 2017 –Town
Occupancy at 7669 County
Highway PD – New Town
Community Center and Public
Works Facility**

**April 4, 2017
Spring Election
(If required, there will be a Feb
21, 2017 – Spring Primary.)**

**April 18, 2017
Annual Meeting**

**SUMMER 2017
SAVE THE DATE
OPEN HOUSE**

**COMING SOON!
FOR RENT**

New Town Community Room, Conference Room and Outdoor Terrace Space, (maximum occupancy 226) for private party, events, lectures, speakers, meetings, retreats, graduations, receptions and stage performances.

Rental agreement details, rules and final checklist currently being worked out. Please call Tammy at the Town Office at 845-7187 for more information AND to check on rental availability after Feb 3, 2017.



TOWN OF VERONA 'VINTAGE' STREET SIGN FOR SALE

Please email your offer (including removal date) to tdresser@town.verona.wi.us no later than January 10, 2017. Best offer will be awarded to recipient at the Jan 10, 2017 Town Board meeting. THIS IS A **GREAT GIFT TO 'KIDS' THAT "GREW UP" IN THE TOWN OF VERONA** OR TO DISPLAY IN A FINISHED BASEMENT, DEN, REC ROOM, BARN OR MAN CAVE!

SENIOR SERVICES

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE TOWN contracts with the Sugar River Senior Center for HOME MEAL DELIVERIES 50 + years of age AND CASE MANAGEMENT REFERRALS FOR TOWN SENIOR ADULTS 60 + years of age. 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 srseniorcenter@outlook.com.

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER MEALS IN VERONA. If that is something you could take on, once or twice a month, please contact Amanda Peterson - Director of the Sugar River Senior Center at 608-424-6007 or srseniorcenter@outlook.com.



A WARM THANKYOU to all of our Meals On Wheels Volunteers.....
Don Hefty, Martha Maxwell, Terry Schnapp, Sally Schroeder, Fred & Barb Schwoerer, Jon Schellpfeffer, Bob Stellick, Ray Wagner and Karen Wolf.

As you are aware, the **Presidential ELECTION** and first **Presidential RECOUNT** happened in Wisconsin history and all met the challenge!! The test proved Wisconsin's Elections are secure and your Town Clerks and Town Election Officials have administered Town of Verona elections the only way possible, fair and open-minded. Our election administration from the Wisconsin Ethics Commission, to County Clerks, Municipal & Town Clerks and finally our Chiefs and Election Inspectors are top notch and they all do an awesome job making sure everything is run according to the law.



We really appreciate all the hard work our Election Officials have done to help with the Town of Verona Elections..... *Alexa Stampfli, Mary-Kate Halverson, Tim Keogh, Mike Willet, Peggy Gochnour, Scott Sybert, Sue Luginbuhl, Jim Kinney, Chief Deb Paul, Amanda Arnold, Janet Lalor, Ray Wagner, Sherman Sievers, Jeff Fitzrandolph, Jon Schellpfeffer, Becky Stilwell, Chief Karen Godshall, Chief Bob Stellick, Jane Barnett, Gregg Miller, Dorothy Gertsch, Barb Temkin, Vicki Hruska, Arlene King, John & Carol McKinley, Bob Bovy and Terry Schnapp.*

Poll workers are not easy to find. If you are interested in helping out "we have a spot for you!" **We are always looking to build a reserve pool of election officials.** Please send any staff member an email or call the Town office at 845-7187. We will update on how to get your name on the list.

As 2016 comes to a close, many community members are wondering what our tax bills might look like this time next year, especially as the Verona Area School District (VASD) considers a potential facilities referendum for the April 4, 2017 ballot. Although a final project scope is not yet confirmed, the Board anticipates finalizing decisions by the end of December. A formal decision is required by January 23, 2017 for inclusion on the April ballot.

It is important to note the economic impact of a potential April 2017 referendum. Due to the recent closeout of the City of Verona's Tax Increment District (TID) for a portion of the Epic campus, property valuation in VASD will dramatically increase. Because of this increase, the district could invest approximately \$140 million in facility upgrades with no tax increase over the current VASD level. While this was a City of Verona TID, the closeout itself provides a significant benefit to all municipalities that are part of VASD, including the Town of Verona. Once the Board has reached a formal decision in January, the district will ensure that residents have the opportunity to understand the proposed building project(s) and the related tax impacts.

For more information about VASD's facilities planning process and community survey results, visit www.verona.k12.wi.us/FacilitiesPlanning or contact VASD's Public Information Officer, Kelly Kloepping, at 608-845-4337. Submitted by: Meredith Stier Christensen, VASD Board Member representing Portion 1 (areas outside of the cities of Verona & Fitchburg).

Thank you to all the Committee Volunteers for your willingness to serve and sacrifice your personal time for the greater good of our Town citizens. We do hope you have gained some inner satisfaction in knowing through your efforts you have made the Town a better place to live and work. Thank you sincerely for all the wholehearted assistance.

*Cordially, Town Chair Mark Geller
Administrator/Planner Amanda Arnold*

PLAN COMMISSION – Chair Doug Maxwell, Laura Dreger, Deb Paul, Ron Melitsoff, Jim Schroeder

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Chair Manfred Enburg, Mike Duerst, John Sensemen, Philip Meinel, Kirk Trainor, Russ Swiggum

NATURAL & RECREATIONAL AREAS COMMITTEE – Chair Bill Keen, Bob Stellick, Dwayne Hoffman & David Lonsdorf

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – Chair Laura Dreger, Julie Bass, John Senseman

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – Chair Tom Mathies, Bob Stellick, Meredith Stier Christiansen



New this Year!!..... Holiday Tree Drop Off ... Trees without tinsel, decorations, bags or stands.
When: Jan 13 – 22, 2017 Where: 7669 County Highway PD – Public Works New Building Site
Look for posted "Drop Off Here Sign!" Pellitteri will not pickup trees left at the curb or road side.



TOV Dog Resident - Ivy Gingrich
Submitted By: Jakob Gingrich



Owner Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

**APPLICATION FOR
2017 DANE COUNTY DOG LICENSE**
Issued by the Town of Verona

All dogs over 5 months old by 7/01 must be licensed. Dog license(s) are due **January 1, 2017**

Date Paid

NM (Neutered Male)
\$15.00 _____

M (Male)
\$20.00 _____

SF (Spayed Female)
\$15.00 _____

F (Female)
\$20.00 _____

Multi (Up to 12 dogs.)
\$55.00 _____

REPLACEMENT (No Charge)
\$0.00 _____

SERVICE DOG (No Charge)
\$0.00 _____

License # (Office Use Only)	Dog Name	Breed	Color	Rabies Exp. Date	Fee
1) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
					TOTALS

Late Fee \$5.00 per dog if paid after March 31, 2017.

Cash or Check No. _____

Per the Town of Verona Animal Control Ordinance, **all dog owners must license their dogs.** The dog license application can also be downloaded from our website at www.town.verona.wi.us.

Dog licenses expire on December 31st, 2016. 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, 2017. 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.*