

# CITY OF MARKESAN FALL NEWSLETTER

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## ***Have Questions? Get Answers!***

Contact the person or office listed to get the answers you need:

Assessment – Gardiner  
Appraisals, 888-756-9726

Building Inspections –  
General Engineering,  
608-745-4070

Community Center Rental –  
City Hall, 920-398-3031

Dog Licensing – City Hall,  
920-398-3031

Park Shelter Rentals – City  
Hall, 920-398-3031

Parking Tickets & Citations –  
Markesan Police Dept.,  
920-398-2121

Trash & Recycling –  
Waste Management,  
888-960-0008

Water/Sewer Billing – City  
Hall, 920-398-3031

Voter Registration – City Hall,  
920-398-3031

## **VOTER ID is in Effect**

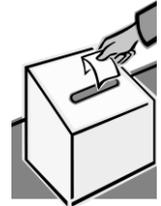
The next election, which includes the race for governor, will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014. Polls are open from 7:00am-8:00pm. Don't forget to come out and vote!

Following a recent court ruling, Voter ID laws that were passed in 2011 will be in effect for the Nov. 4, 2014, election. What does this mean for you? It means that before you will be able to vote at the polls, or by absentee ballot, you will be required to show a valid photo ID. If you are unable to show ID, you will have to vote a provisional ballot, and will be required to provide ID to the City Clerk-Treasurer before your vote can be counted.

To prevent any problems, please bring a valid photo ID with you when you vote. Examples of acceptable forms of ID include a Wisconsin driver's license, U.S. passport, Wisconsin-issued state ID, or a military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service (veterans' ID cards do not work).

A valid ID must include all of the following:

- (1) Your name;
- (2) Your photograph;
- (3) An expiration date (state law provides that the ID provided by a voter cannot have expired prior to the last general fall election – for this election that is Nov. 6, 2012).



If you do not have a valid photo ID, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is issuing free ID's for voting purposes. For more information, please go to <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm>. Contact them as soon as possible if you would like to obtain a free ID to use for voting purposes.

## **2014 Dog Licenses**

All dog licenses **expire Dec. 31, 2014**, regardless of when they were issued. New 2015 licenses will be available by early December. A current rabies certificate is required to obtain a license. **The fee is \$3 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$8 for un-spayed/neutered dogs.** A late fee of \$5 per dog is charged if dogs are not licensed before April 1, 2015. Failure to obtain a required license is subject to a \$98.80 citation. If you no longer have a dog that was previously licensed, please call the staff at City Hall (398-3031) so our records can be updated.

## **City Budget Hearing**

In 2013, did you know the City of Markesan's portion was only 26.3% of your total tax bill? That means for every \$1 you paid in taxes, only 26 cents was kept by the City. The remainder is sent to other taxing jurisdictions, including Green Lake County, State of Wisconsin, Markesan School District, and Moraine Park Technical College. The mill rate (tax rate per \$1000 in assessed value) for 2014 is not set, as the City and other jurisdictions are still working on budgets for next year. Watch for notice of the upcoming City Budget Hearing in early November.



Trick-or-treating will be held on Friday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-7:00pm. Highly used streets may be closed during these hours, please plan accordingly. Also join the Kiwanis as they will again hold a Halloween party at 4:30pm at City Hall.

Turn on your porch or outside light to let trick-or-treaters' know that you have treats. If you do not wish to participate, leave outside lights off during trick-or-treat time.

Please note the following City Hall and Public Works & Water/Wastewater Department closures over the holidays:

- Nov. 27 & 28, 2014
- Dec. 24 & 25, 2014
- Dec. 31, 2014, & Jan. 1, 2015



*Trash & recycling pickup will be on Sat., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, and on Sat., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, respectively.*

### Brush & Leaf Pick-Up

Curbside yard waste pick-up is for the disposal of residential leaves, garden waste, and brush generated from routine yard maintenance. This service is not intended for lot cleaning or tree removal. The City reserves the right to refuse to pick up items not in compliance with the following guidelines:

**Separate** leaf, brush and garden waste piles may be placed at the curb. Do NOT place on the street. Leaves can be placed in a loose pile. Bagged leaves will not be accepted. Brush and garden waste need to be bundled or placed in totes. Please note root systems will not be collected, and are not accepted at the Recycling Center.

Public Works has scheduled leaf pick-up for the following dates: Oct. 13, Oct. 20, Oct. 27, and Nov. 3. All leaves should be raked into the terrace area between the street & sidewalk by 7:00am. Additional dates may be scheduled if needed, subject to weather conditions.



Fall leaf pickup is designed to pick up the majority of leaves as weather allows. It is not designed to be a total leaf pick-up, but to assist residents in caring for their property. If you have additional leaves or other compostables, you may continue to take them to the Recycling Center, located on Hwy A east of the City, which is open from 8:00am to 2:00pm every Saturday. An attendant is present to supervise the site. Brush under 6" in diameter may be deposited on the brush pile at the Recycling Center. Leaves, grass clippings, and yard and garden waste may be placed on the compost pile. Please note, fees may be charged for certain items taken to the Recycling Center. Check with the attendant.

### Winter Is Coming!

Polar vortex or not, we are likely to get snow again this winter! Please follow these guidelines to help prevent problems:

- Winter parking is in effect from Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>. No parking is allowed on City streets from 2:00-6:00am to allow for snow removal. Illegally parked vehicles may be subject to citations or towing, with towing costs paid by the owner.
- Per City Ordinance 8.06, property owners are responsible to clear snow and/or ice from sidewalks within 24 hours from the time snow ceases to accumulate. It may not be deposited on City streets or rights-of way.
- Check your mailbox post to ensure it can withstand the force of plowed snow. Damage to mailboxes from snow coming off a plow is the owner's responsibility.
- Much of the snow plowing takes place during early morning hours. Please keep this in mind when placing your trash and recycling out for morning pick-up.
- Snowplow operators are extremely safety-conscious, but they need your help. Stay back and let them safely do their job. Don't take a chance, don't "crowd the plow."

### Wisconsin Energy Assistance

A Green Lake County representative of the Wisconsin Energy Assistance Program will be taking applications at Markesan City Hall on Oct. 2, 2014, from 1-3:30pm. You may also apply at Green Lake County Health & Human Services. Home visits are also available. Call 920-294-4070 or 800-664-3588 with questions, or to make an appointment.

### Building Permits

Building Permits are required in the City of Markesan, so that inspections can be made to ensure safety and that the work meets all required codes. Permits are valid for 18 months and can be renewed for an additional six months at no additional cost. Contact the Building Inspector, James Lawton, at 608-697-7779, prior to beginning any project to verify whether a permit is needed.

### Library Activities

Check out these events at the Library!  
Story Hour – every Wed. at 10:30am (ages 5 & younger)  
Lego Club – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. at 6:45pm  
Adult Book Discussion – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. at 6:45pm  
Watch for upcoming "Make & Take" craft classes in Nov. & Dec.

### Cemetery Clean Up

Cemetery clean-up will be from Oct. 15-31. Please help clean-up efforts by removing any decorations you would like saved prior to Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Decorations left after Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> may be removed during the clean-up. Items may be returned after Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Items that WILL NOT be accepted include:

- ❖ Tires
- ❖ Liquids
- ❖ Yard Waste
- ❖ Remodeling/Demolition Waste
- ❖ Roofing Materials
- ❖ All electronics (computers, TV's, monitors, etc.)
- ❖ White Goods (stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.)

### Bulky Trash Day

Bulky Trash Day for Markesan residents will be **Nov. 14, 2014**. Place items for disposal at the curb no later than 6:00am that day. Please be aware of the following to ensure that your items are picked up by Waste Management:

Furniture, mattresses, carpet, storm windows & doors, and lumber are accepted. Lumber cannot be more than four feet in length, and should be bundled together in bundles of less than 50 pounds. Latex paint cans are accepted if the contents have been dried to a solid and covers removed.

All items must be able to be handled easily by two people without risk of injury. All small items must be in containers – **no loose** items should be set at the curb. Please do not place items in cardboard boxes if they could wet from dew or rain. Also, all items **MUST** be from Markesan residents.

