

CITY OF MARKESAN YEAR-END REMINDERS DECEMBER 2019

2019 TAX COLLECTION

Your 2019 tax bill is enclosed. First installment tax payments are due Jan. 31, 2020. **Please make sure your property tax and dog license payments are made separately** . if paying by check, please write separate checks . one for taxes, one for dog licenses. Multiple tax parcels may be combined on one check. You may make your tax payment:

- **In-person:** Stop at City Hall, 150 S. Bridge St., **Monday through Thursday from 8:00am-4:00pm and Friday from 8:00am-12:00pm.** You will receive a receipt at the time of your payment. **PLEASE NOTE** the office closure dates listed below.
- **After Hours:** Drop your payment in our secure **PAYMENTS+** drop box (to the left of the City Hall entrance . please **DO NOT** use the Police Department drop box on the lower level). **If you desire a receipt, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.**
- **By Mail:** Send your payment to City of Markesan, PO Box 352, Markesan, WI 53946. **If you desire a receipt, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.**
- **Credit Card:** Please go to www.markesanwi.gov to make an online payment. **DO NOT** make a credit card payment at the Green Lake County website, as your payment will be declined. **Green Lake County does not collect first installment payments for City of Markesan.**

If you have any questions about your tax bill or payment, please contact the Clerk's Office at 920-398-3031. As in past years the second installment payments, due in July 2020, must be made to the Green Lake County Treasurer.

NEW THIS YEAR... Please make sure to read the back of your tax bill, as there has been some new information added to it.

City Hall, Public Works & the Water/Wastewater Department will be closed for the holidays, as follows:

➤ Dec. 24 & 25, 2019

➤ Dec. 31, 2019, & Jan. 1, 2020



Sat., Dec. 28, 2019 – Trash pick-up

Sat., Jan. 4, 2020 – Trash and Recycling pick-up

2020 Dog Licenses

ALL dog licenses expire Dec. 31, 2019, regardless of when they were issued. New 2020 licenses are now available.

To obtain a license, please provide the following:

- A completed Dog License Application (see enclosed form).
- If you are not getting the license in person at City Hall, include a **self-addressed, stamped envelope**, so your license can be mailed back to you.
- A copy of the current rabies certificate. Please note, a receipt showing payment for a rabies vaccination is not sufficient. There is information on the actual rabies certificate that should be included on your license; therefore we need to see the actual Rabies Certificate from the veterinarian.
- Payment of the appropriate fee . **\$5 for spayed/neutered** dogs and **\$10 for un-spayed/un-neutered** dogs.

A late fee of \$15 per dog is charged if dogs are not licensed by Mar. 31, 2020.

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 complete the Affidavit of Death or Disposal of Dog (on the back of the Dog License Application) and return to City Hall so our records can be updated. Any questions, please contact City Hall at 920-398-3031.

Water & Sewer Bills

Water & Sewer bills are issued four times a year, and are due in January, April, July & October. Payments are typically due towards the end of the month.

Each bill covers service for the previous three months (for example, the April bill covers January - March).

Failure to pay your bill could result in disconnection of your water service and/or the placement of the outstanding balance on your property tax bill. If you are unable to make a payment by the due date, stop at City Hall at 150 S. Bridge St. PRIOR to the due date to fill out a Payment Arrangement form.

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!!

Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

Federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, race and other factors. Census Bureau data is used in all kinds of ways, such as these:

Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

Businesses use Census Bureau data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, and these create jobs.

Real estate developers and city planners use the census to plan new homes and improve neighborhoods.

Local government officials use the census to ensure public safety and plan new schools and hospitals.

Fast Facts:

Everyone Counts. The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.

It's in the constitution. The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about fair representation. Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

Your data is confidential. Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. By law we cannot share your information with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

It's about redistricting. After each census, state officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts.

It means \$675 billion. Census data determines how more than \$675 billion are spent, supporting your state, county and community's vital programs.