

CITY OF MARKESAN YEAR-END REMINDERS DECEMBER 2015

2015 TAX COLLECTION

Your 2015 tax bill is enclosed. First installment tax payments are due Jan. 31, 2016. **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., Mondays through Fridays from 8:00am-4:00pm. 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, go around to the City Hall entrance). 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.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Credit card payments are not possible at this time. 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, and the City does not currently have the ability to accept credit or debit card payments.

Any questions about your tax bill or payment, please contact the City Clerk-Treasurer at 920-398-3031. As in past years', the second installment payments, due in July 2016, must be made to the Green Lake County Treasurer.

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

- Dec. 24 & 25, 2015
- Dec. 31, 2015, & Jan. 1, 2016



Trash & recycling pickup will be on Sat., Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd, respectively.

Cemetery Reminders

Recently, there has been an increase in the number of glass/ceramic decorations at the Markesan Memorial Cemetery. Please note that City ordinances do not permit glass-type containers or decorations. If you placed such a decoration, please remove it as soon as possible. Some other reminders:

- Cemetery cleaning is scheduled each year for Apr. 1-15 and Oct. 15-31. Decorations left during this period will be discarded.
- Cost of a burial lot is \$250. Contact Cemetery Sexton Lorraine Justman (398-3980), if interested in purchasing lots.

2016 Dog Licenses

All dog licenses **expire Dec. 31, 2015**, regardless of when they were issued. New 2016 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, 2016.

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 the City Clerk-Treasurer at 920-398-3031.

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2016 ELECTIONS & PHOTO ID

As you are probably aware from the election campaign ads already being run, 2016 is a Presidential election year. The dates for all of the elections in 2016 are as follows:

- Spring Primary (if needed) – Feb. 16, 2016
- Presidential Preference Primary & Spring Election – Apr. 5, 2016
- Partisan Primary – Aug. 9, 2016
- Presidential & General Election – Nov. 8, 2016

Please note that for 2016, election law in the State of Wisconsin has changed, and photo ID is now required to vote. What does this mean for you? Prior to obtaining a ballot, all voters will be required to show a photo ID. There isn't a special "voter ID" card, a photo ID that you may already have will be used by most voters.

What types of photo ID's are acceptable?

- Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license or identification card
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- U.S. Passport (booklet or card)
- A certificate of naturalization issued no more than 2 years before the election

Call City Hall, 398-3031, with any questions about Voter ID.

Poll Workers Needed

Have you ever wondered how elections in Markesan are run? Become a poll worker and find out! We are in need of a few people to serve on election days, helping to ensure a smooth-running election for all of the residents of Markesan. Call City Hall at 398-3031 to apply!

There are a few other items that will also work, if you wouldn't have one of the items listed above. Please visit www.bringit.wi.gov for more information about what qualifies or for information on how to obtain a free Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card for voting purposes.

E-Cycle Wisconsin

What is E-Cycle Wisconsin?

Wisconsin's electronics recycling law establishes a statewide recycling program administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This program creates a system to collect and recycle discarded electronics. E-Cycle Wisconsin uses a product stewardship approach, which means that manufacturers of certain electronics are responsible for financing and ensuring the recycling of these and other electronics within the state.

What Can I E-cycle?

- Computers (desktop/laptop/netbooks/tablets)
- Desktop printers
- Computer monitors
- Televisions
- DVD players, VCRs and DVRs
- Fax machines
- Mice & keyboards
- Other computer accessories, such as hard drives, speakers, flash drives and modems

Where Can I Recycle my Electronics?

City of Markesan residents can take their E-cycle items to the Recycling Center on County Road A. There is a charge for many of the items. The attendant at the Recycling Center will assist you and explain the costs for your items.

Why E-Cycle?

- Electronics are the fastest-growing part of our waste stream today.
- Many electronics contain valuable, reusable materials, like gold, steel, silver, copper & glass.
- Recycling electronics protects human and environmental health. Electronics that are landfilled or illegally dumped and release toxic materials like mercury, lead, and cadmium into the air, water and soil.
- Electronics, including cell phones, have been banned from Wisconsin landfills as of Sept. 1, 2010.

What About Data Security?

Electronics recyclers must comply with state and federal disposal regulations that ensure environmental safety. Recyclers will break down your electronics, however, it is important that you remove all personal or confidential information before recycling. Many retailers offer this service for a small fee, or you can do it yourself.