



# Town of Oregon Newsletter

Dane County, Wisconsin

December 2014

## Property Tax Bill Collection

### Payment In Person

- Property tax payments and dog license applications are accepted at the town hall during office hours.
- In addition, the office will be open on Saturday, December 27 & January 31 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (NOON).
- Payment receipts and dog tags are available.

### Payment By Mail

- Make check payable to *Town of Oregon*.
- Enclose bottom portion of tax bill with payment.
- Mail payment to: Town of Oregon, 1138 Union Road, Oregon, WI 53575.
- If you would like a receipt, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment.

### Reminders

**No Credit Cards are Accepted.**

**Escrow Payments:** It is your responsibility to notify your financial institution of taxes due and verify payment. Refunds for escrow overpayments will be mailed to the homeowner.

**Payment Schedule:** The first half of the tax bill is paid to the Town of Oregon and must be postmarked by January 31, 2015. The second half of the bill is paid directly to the Dane County Treasurer by July 31, 2015.

**Receipt For Tax Payment:** Receipts for tax payments are available online at <https://accessdane.countyofdane.com/>. This is important for the income tax season. Receipts for payment made in December 2014 are available online January 2015.

## Oregon Town Hall

1138 Union Road  
Oregon, WI 53575-2742  
Phone: (608)-835-3200  
Fax: (608)-835-2235  
[www.town.oregon.wi.us](http://www.town.oregon.wi.us)

### Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM &  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



### Town of Oregon Recycling Center (TORC):

Year Round -  
Saturdays: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
May 1 to November 1 -  
Wednesdays: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Closed for the holidays on December 24 & 25 and January 1, 2015.**

The office may close when local schools are canceled to reduce traffic and facilitate snow removal.

### 2015 Election Dates

February 17—Spring Primary  
April 7—Spring Election

The town caucus to nominate town board supervisors will be held Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 2:00 PM.  
Snow date of Saturday, January 25, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

*Detach and mail application plus a separate check payable to Town of Oregon, 1138 Union Road, Oregon, WI 53575. Must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of dog tags. All dogs over 5 months of age must be licensed. License valid for one year.*

## 2015 Dog License Application

Owner's Name:

Address:

City:

State: WI

Zip:

Phone:

Dog Name	Breed	Color	Gender M/F	Neutered or Spayed	Rabies Expiration Date MM/DD/YY	Rabies Tag #	Rabies Manufacture	Rabies Serial #	2015 License Tag # Issued (office use only)

\* If you have more than three dogs, please contact the Town at 835-3200 for further information.

Fee: # of neutered or spayed dogs x \$11.50      # \_\_\_\_ x \$11.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of unneutered/unspayed dogs x \$17.50      # \_\_\_\_ x \$17.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kennel License (includes up to 12 dogs, over 12 is additional \$8.75 each) x \$45.75      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Late fee (if paid after April 1, 2015) x \$5.00      # \_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total to remit (Make checks payable to *Town of Oregon*)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_





## Town of Oregon Snow Removal Guidelines

The Town of Oregon road crew strives to plow and remove snow from the roads as efficiently and safely as possible. Here are some tips to follow to help the snow removal crew:

- \* Please move vehicles off the road and park in your driveway, especially in the cul-de-sac areas. **Vehicles parked on the road are hazardous and interfere with snowplows.**
- \* Snow plow drivers work long hours, often beginning at 1 or 2 AM. They spend hours fighting the blowing snow, the night glare and traffic. When you meet a plow, give them the space they need to get their job done. It is not only a courtesy, it's the law!
- \* Walk with caution. When encountering a snowplow while walking, move to the opposite side of the road. A snowplow has a 9 foot wing on its right side that can throw snow 20 feet! When visibility is limited, it may be better to avoid walking on the roadways.
- \* The town road right-of-way stretches 33 feet from the center of the road. The landowner may use and maintain this area as lawn, however it is very important that plants, sprinkler systems or other items are not placed in the road right-of-way as the snowplows could damage them. The town is not responsible for the damage of items in the road right of way.
- \* Pushing or blowing snow from a private driveway onto the roadway is dangerous and prohibited by law.
- \* Remove any iron or metal reflective markers placed in the road right of way. They pose a significant risk as the poles can break and cause tire damage.
- \* Do not put trash and recycling receptacles in the road, instead place them in your driveway.
- \* Homeowners are responsible for clearing the snow around the mailbox. The town is not responsible for damage to a mailbox caused by the weight of ice and snow.
- \* If you have snow plow concerns when the office is closed, please contact Town Board Supervisor Wayne Ace at 576-7281.

## 2014 Town of Oregon Property Tax Information

### Property Tax Credits

**Lottery and Gaming Credit:** This is a credit based on the revenue generated from the Wisconsin Lottery.

**Eligibility:** The owner must be a Wisconsin resident, the owner of the dwelling and use the dwelling as their primary residence. Only one credit allowed.

**New homeowners:** If you recently moved to the town, please contact us at 835-3200 to receive an application. You must apply for the lottery and gaming credit.

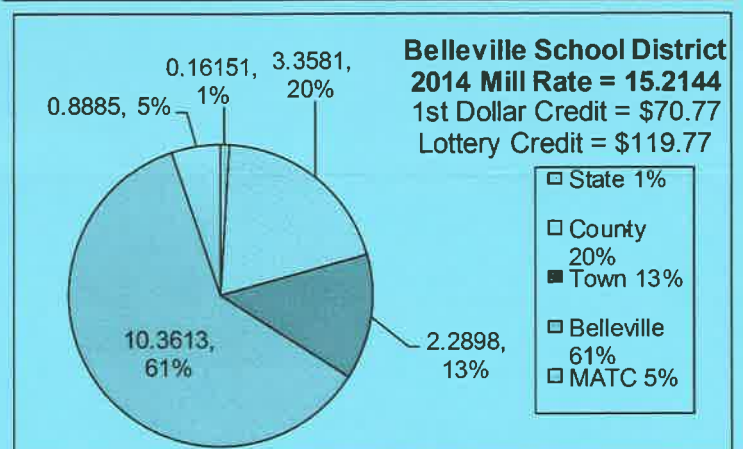
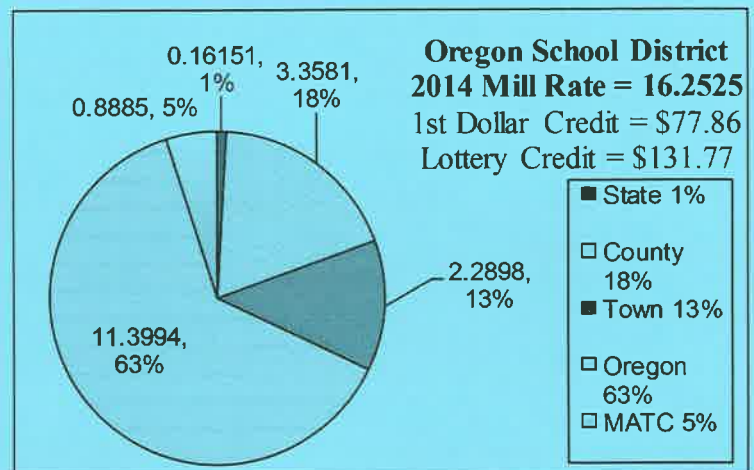
**First Dollar Credit:** This credit was started in 2008 and is funded by the state general fund.

**Eligibility:** Every taxable parcel that contains real property improvement should automatically have a credit applied. Applied to all properties that has an amount shown in the "Ass'd Value Improvements" box on the tax bill. An application is not required and an owner can receive credit on more than one property.

**Did you receive the credits?** To verify that you received the credits, locate the lines for the Lottery and Gaming Credit and First Dollar Credit on tax bill below the Total (tax) line. If an amount is listed on these lines, then the property received the credits.

### Private Septic Maintenance Fee

All homes in the Town of Oregon will see a charge on their tax bill of \$8.67 for a private septic maintenance fee. This is a **REQUIRED** fee. Prior to 2010, a \$26 fee was collected every three years. The fee is now added to the yearly property tax bill at 1/3rd or \$8.67. The fee is used to fund the private septic system inspection program operate by Public Health Madison and Dane County. Questions: John Hausbeck, Public Health (608) 243-0331



### Town of Oregon Mill Rates

	2012	2013	2014
Oregon School	17.4099	17.3828	16.2525
Belleville School	15.4728	16.0452	15.2144