



Town of Oregon Newsletter

1138 Union Road, Oregon, WI 53575 (608) 835-3200 www.town.oregon.wi.us December 2016

2016 Property Tax Collection

Enclosed is your 2016 property tax bill. Payments can be made in person or mailed to the Town Hall.



Payment In Person

- The clerk's office at 1138 Union Road will accept tax payments, provide tax receipts and issue dog tags.
- The office will be open 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday from Dec. 15, 2016 to Jan. 31, 2017. The office will be closed Fri. Dec. 23, Mon. Dec. 26 and Mon. Jan. 2, 2017. No Saturday hours.
- The last day property taxes will be accepted at the clerk's office is Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

Payment By Mail

- Please make check payable to *Town of Oregon* and enclose the bottom portion of tax bill with payment.
- If you would like a receipt mailed to you, include a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Mail payment to: Town of Oregon, 1138 Union Road, Oregon, WI 53575.
- Payments with a US Post Office postmark of January 31, 2017 will be treated as paid timely.
- Tax payments received by overnight courier (FedEx, UPS, etc.) will be treated as paid the day we receive.

Reminders

- **No Credit Cards or Cash are accepted.**
- Dog license fees must be paid with a separate check.
- **Escrow payments.** Tax bills are sent to property owners. Property Owners are responsible to notify mortgage holders of tax amounts due for payments from escrow accounts. Endorse the back of an escrow check made payable to the town and property owner. Overpayments will be mailed to the property owner.
- If you elect to make installments. The first installment is paid to the Town of Oregon by January 31, 2017. The second installment is paid directly to the Dane County Treasurer by July 31, 2017. If at least the first installment amount is not paid timely, the taxes become delinquent and the full amount is due.
- The Lottery Credit is included on your tax bill. If you do not have a lottery credit, but are a Wisconsin resident, own and use the home as your primary residence then you will need to complete a lottery credit form. Forms are available at the clerk's office or call 835-3200 to have a form mailed to you.
- Private Septic Maintenance Fee: All homes in the Town of Oregon will have a fee of \$8.67. This is a required fee by Dane County Public Health for private septic maintenance. Questions contact Public Health at 242-6515.

To obtain a 2017 dog license, you can mail the application or go to the clerk's office. All applications must provide proof of rabies vaccination. For a license by mail, detach and mail completed application plus a separate check payable to Town of Oregon, 1138 Union Road, Oregon, WI 53575 and include a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of dog tag(s). Dog tags may be obtained at the clerk's office. All dogs over 5 months of age must be licensed. License valid for one year.

2017 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 Serial #	2017 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/unsprayed 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, 2017) 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. Vehicles can be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.** If you need alternative parking, contact the office at 835-3200.
- * 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.**
- * The town crew removes trees, limbs and branches that hang over the road right of way for safety.
- * Pushing or blowing snow from a private driveway onto the roadway is dangerous and prohibited by law.
- * 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.
- * Dane County Highway Department is responsible for snow plowing County Highways MM, CC, A & D. Any concerns should be directed to Dane County Public Works at 266-4039.
- * The maintenance of Lincoln Road from Fish Hatchery Road to Union Road is the responsibility of the Village of Oregon, Any concerns should be directed to the Village of Oregon at 835-3118.
- * If you have snow plow concerns when the office is closed, please contact Town Board Chairman Wayne Ace at 576-7281.

2017 Election Schedule

Spring Primary Election: Tues., Feb., 21, 2017

Spring Election: Tues., April 4, 2017



Town of Oregon 2017 Caucus

The town caucus to nominate candidates to the Spring Election for open positions in the town will be held Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. *Snow date of Saturday, January 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.* The following offices are to be elected for two year terms: Chairperson, 2 Supervisors, Assessor and Constable. Any interested candidates would need to be nominated at the caucus.

Town of Oregon Annual meeting will be held on April 17, 2017.

Town of Oregon Recycling Center (TORC) Hours:

Year Round: Saturdays 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

May 1 to Nov. 1: Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

The TORC will be open, but closing at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 31.



Town of Oregon Mill Rates

	2014	2015	2016
Oregon School	16.2525	17.2512	17.1545
Belleville School	15.2144	16.0240	16.1734

