

Town of Port Washington Winter/Tax Collection Newsletter 2011

As 2011 comes to a close there are always many items to wrap up before the New Year. You'll find in this newsletter pertinent information regarding your property tax bills, payment locations and mailing options along with dog license application and fee's due at the same time.

Also enclosed is detailed information regarding changes to the garbage and recycling program in our township.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Town Hall-Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 8:30AM —4:00PM & by appointment

Jennifer Schlenvogt- Town Clerk **Phone:** 262-284-5235

Email: townofport@sbcglobal.net

Web: www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort

Enjoy this Holiday Season with your Families!! -Jennifer Schlenvogt, Clerk

Visit our WEBSITE

for information on:

- Building permits
- Zoning code
- Meeting Agenda's
- Meeting Minutes
- Election info.
- Zoning Map
- Contacts
- 2035 Comprehensive Plan



Voting Information

Contact the Town Clerk for information regarding:

- New voter registration applications
- Change of address or name
- Military or overseas ballots
- Absentee ballots

Please see the enclosed handout for information on Voter ID. You must now present a photo ID at the polling place and sign the poll book before you are allowed to cast your ballot.

NEWS AND NOTES

Do you have old pictures of the Town Hall when it was a one room schoolhouse or of other town sites including the Knellsville area? We'd love to see them or better yet get a copy of them.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Town Board – Ist Monday of each month @ 7:30 pm

Dec 5, 2011 & Jan 2, Feb 6, March 5, April 2 and May 7, 2012

Plan Commission- 2nd Wednesday of each month @7:30pm

Dec 14, 2011& Jan 11, Feb 8, March 14, April 11 and May 9, 2012

<u>Annual Meeting</u>- Tuesday, April 10, 2012 <u>Open Book with the Assessor</u> – mid April 2012 <u>Board of Review</u> – early May 2012

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Have a question, concern or idea on how to make the Town better? Your input is welcome at any upcoming meeting.

Agenda's are posted at the Town Hall,

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www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort

I-2 days before each meeting.

FROM THE TOWN BOARD

The Town Board has seen many changes this year! The new Board is working hard to keep your taxes low by exploring new ways to provide services to residents, in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. Privatizing 2 Public Works projects has saved the Town \$50,000 alone this summer. In 2012, the Garbage and Recycling contract could be up to \$20,000 less than budgeted for 2011.

A number of road projects are being explored for the next few years. Birch Road, Birch Lane, Northwoods Road, Towhee Trail and Norport Road will require repairs over the next few years. A re-construction and widening of Green Bay Road, to improve safety, is currently being researched for 2013.

Town Board Meetings are the first Monday of each month at the Town Hall. You are always welcome to attend.

Arrow Disposal & Recycling

HOURS THRU DEC. 31, 2011:

Recycling Drop Off

Monday –Thursday 7:30 AM – 4 PM

Garbage & Recycling

Friday: I - 4 PM & Saturday: 7:30AM - IPM

SPECIAL HOLIDAY DROP-OFF HOURS

FRIDAY Dec. 23 & 30 : I-4pm & SATURDAY Dec. 24 & 31 : 7:30am-Noon

FROM THE PLAN COMMISSION

After many exhaustive meetings, the Plan Commission has decided not to participate in the state's Farmland Preservation Program . The Plan Commission feels the Town's current ordinance is more effective in preserving town farmland than the state plan currently being proposed.

In 2011, the Plan Commission worked to create a new R-3 Zoning District, allowing for smaller lots within the border agreement with the City of Port Washington.

The Plan Commission also made amendments to the M-I Zoning District in an effort to clean up non-conforming lots. Work continues on amendments to the Temporary Use ordinance to attract new business to the Knellsville area

Plan Commission Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall. The public is always welcome.

PERMITS

Building Permits, Electrical Permits, HVAC Permits, Plumbing Permits
These all can be obtained at the Town Hall or by calling the
Building Inspector Richard Fellenz at **262-284-0509**.

All the Town's permits are available to print out from our

website at www.co.ozaukee.wi.us

Permits can be returned to the Town Hall office during hours or by mail.

All planning project information and applications may be obtained from the Clerk by calling

262-284-5235.

Forms are also available on the town website at www.co.ozaukee.wi.us

Changes coming to GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Many changes are coming in how Town of Port residents will handle their garbage and recycling, in 2012. Our long-time agreement with Arrow Disposal will end at the end of 2011. Site improvements are currently underway at the Town Hall to accommodate garbage and recycling, as the new drop off site. Garbage and recycling may be placed in the dumpsters at the Town Hall, beginning January 5th, 2012.

THE NEW DROP-OFF HOURS WILL BE:

THURSDAYS: 4:00PM – 6:00PM SATURDAYS: 8:00AM – NOON

There will be one large dumpster for garbage and one of co-mingled recycling. These dumpsters will be locked outside of normal drop-off hours, so please plan accordingly. A platform with stairs has been built to make placing your bags in the dumpster easier. An attendant will also be on hand to assist you if needed. To improve traffic flow, we will require all cars to enter from Highland Drive, on the south side of the building. This will allow for a drive-thru flow of traffic, to eliminate congestion.

Recycling will no longer need to be separated. Clean and empty glass, tin cans, aluminum, plastics, paper and cardboard can now be disposed of <u>together</u> in one co-mingled dumpster. As always, these should not be bagged, and cardboard boxes must be flattened.

To ensure that the Town of Port Washington residents are only paying to dispose of Town of Port garbage, we will now be implementing a residency card requirement. This need has been discussed for many years, and it seems logical that now is the time to implement it. Please bring the enclosed card with you to the Drop-off site, and be prepared to show it to confirm residency in the Town. You may also provide a drivers license with your current Town of Port Washington address. It is our hope that in time, the attendant will recognize most Town of Port Washington residents. Please remember this change is being made in an effort to save you tax money.

Change is not always easy, but is sometimes inevitable. We know this may take some time to get used to, but in the end could save the Town taxpayers money, and be more efficient. These decisions were not made quickly by the Town Board. If you have any comments or ideas on how the process could be improved, we would love you hear from you! The Town Board meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Please note, these changes will begin January 5TH 2012. Until that time, you may continue taking your garbage and recycling to Arrow Disposal during normal drop-off hours.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

2011 REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Your property tax bill has tear-off stubs for payment installments. If mailing payments please include stub with your check made out to Port Washington Town Treasurer.

DO NOT mail back the actual bill.

*Please send self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your payment if you would like a receipt.

You may make payments during lobby hours at the PWSB—Port branch and Harris Bank- Port branch. If you have a refund coming and want the refund immediately payment at the banks is suggested. If you pay by mail or in person at the Town Hall refunds will be mailed within two weeks. Please note, refunds can only be made after the entire tax bill has been paid.

IN-PERSON PAYMENTS can be made during special Town Hall tax collection hours:

Saturday, Dec. 24 & 31 - 9-11AM Saturday, January 21 & 28 - 9-11 AM

Payments can be mailed to:
Port Washington Town Treasurer
2354 Willow Road
Port Washington, WI 53074.

Happy Holidays,
-Mary M. Sampont

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TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON - WINTER NEWSLETTER

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