

Town of Stockton

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June/July 2016 Newsletter



Dates to Remember

July 31st - 2nd Installment of Property Taxes are due to the Portage County Treasurer.

Aug 5th – Last day to vote Absentee in the Clerk's Office for the August 9th Partisan Primary Election.

Aug 6th – Arnott Lions Car and Truck Show at the Arnott Lions Park. Stockton Fire Department will also have equipment on display. Stop on by and say hi!

Aug 9th – Election Day! Portage County will have a County-wide Partisan Primary Election consisting of United States Senator; Representative in Congress – District 3; State Senator – District 24; the respective Assembly Districts-70, 71, and 72; District Attorney; and County Offices-County Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds and Surveyor for Portage County. Town of Stockton residents are encouraged to vote at the Town Hall. Polls are open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Photo ID is required

Reminder: 2015 dog licenses expired on December 31st. The grace period for renewing/obtaining a 2016 dog license expired on April 1st. All dogs over the age of 5 months need a dog license. There is a \$5 per dog late fee for dogs licensed after the April 1st deadline by WI Statute.



Town Board Meetings

The Town of Stockton Board meets the second and fourth Mondays of the each month at 6:30 pm.

Plan Commission Meetings

The Town of Stockton Plan Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Fire Department Meetings

The Town of Stockton Fire Department members meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Spring Clean-Up Day a Success!

Special Thank you to Dave Eron for donating the use of his loader during the 2016 Town of Stockton Spring Clean-Up! Having an additional loader allowed our crew to move things along much faster than in previous years.



Also a HUGE Thank you to the many volunteers from our Stockton Fire Department for their help as well. The group did a fabulous job of emptying and sorting debris materials in a very efficient manner.



Plan ahead and mark your calendar for the first Saturday of May 2017 which is our next Spring Clean-Up Event!



Town of Stockton Park Update

Summer is here and the Town of Stockton Park, located at 3333 Custer Road, is now OPEN! A lovely place to make memories with your friends and family while enjoying all that the park has to offer such as:

- A 9-hole disk golf course
- A 1-mile walking trail (still in progress)
- Acres of grass to run and play
- Playground equipment (installation scheduled for July 14th)
- Benches, picnic tables & barbeque grills
- Paved parking lot for easy, safe parking
- Future Fire Department Training area
- When winter arrives, sledding & ice skating areas



Spotlight on our Road Crew



Maintaining our cemeteries and parks, keeping our roads plowed in winter, maintaining ditch & road right of ways, and continued maintenance on Town owned equipment and property are just a few of the many tasks our Road Crew does for our Town.

Jeff Herman is the Town of Stockton Road Foreman. He started out helping the Town out on a part time basis back in 1982 and subsequently stayed for the next 34 years. That's dedication! Jeff can be found plowing snow, driving the loader, operating the back hoe, street sweeping, fixing equipment, installing signs, etc. In his spare time, Jeff enjoys spending time with his wife and friends at the campground.

Kathy Herman has been a part-time Road Crew member for 27 years. She maintains our Town parks and cemeteries as well as handles much of the mowing operations along the roads and the grassy areas around the Town owned buildings. Kathy said the thing that she likes best about her job is that she is able to work by herself while being outdoors. In the winter, Kathy also helps out by plowing the Town owned parking lots.

Brian Zimmerman has been with the Town of Stockton for the past 17 years. He has four beautiful daughters and is extremely proud of their accomplishments - one daughter is a graduate of the Milwaukee School of Engineering that works for NASA on a "Life on Mars Project", another works for JHL Mail Marketing, a third daughter is employed at the Veterans Home in King as a Registered Nurse and his youngest daughter is a recent high school graduate, enrolled in UWSP psychology program. Brian has a rabbit named Lola and a dog named Lil Bear.

Chris Kizewski started with us about six years ago. He stated that he enjoys the variety of the job with no two days being the same. Chris is married and has two daughters, a 15 year old and a 2 year old. In his time off, Chris enjoys spending time with his family, helping out on the family farm and riding motorcycle.



Road Foreman Jeff Herman



Kathy Herman



Brian Zimmerman



Chris Kizewski

Town of Stockton Fire and EMS Department participate in the 2016 Safety Fair

Members of our Town of Stockton volunteer Fire Department demonstrated their skills as they performed vehicle extrication in front of the spectators during the May 14th event. The EMS team was also on hand to allow visitors to learn CPR techniques.



Fire Chief's Corner

Is There More?

Have you ever felt that something is missing in your life? Do you sense that there is a void that needs to be filled? Do you believe that you have the passion and compassion to do more? Do you feel that you can do more for your community and more for your fellow human beings? Do you have the desire to finally fill that missing void in your life?

When you review all of life's events on a daily basis, in reading the newspaper or viewing the news on-line, do you ever wonder, "How can they do that?" OR "Why do they run "in" while everyone is running "out"?" OR "How do they keep calm while the world around us is falling apart?" AND "How do can they climb into a wrecked automobile and provide comfort to a patient?"

We may have the answers to your questions! ***Have you considered joining your local volunteer FIRE or EMS Department?***

Volunteer FIRE & EMS departments across the State of Wisconsin are in need of people to volunteer and serve within their community, to answer the call when the pager alert goes off, and to help their fellow human beings in time of need.

We at the Town of Stockton FIRE & EMS Department are no different than all other Departments. We, too, are faced with less and less people available to volunteer and help within our community.

My letter this summer is to all of you that may be feeling that there is a void in your life, wondering if you can do more. ***PLEASE contact us*** and come and see us about a volunteer career in the FIRE & EMS services within the Town of Stockton.

We would be honored to take the time and show you what we are all about, to explain to you about the service and the training that will protect and place you into the position to best help your community and your fellow human beings.

If you are wondering can you volunteer even if you have a "night job" the answer is a resounding YES! People who are available to answer the call during the day are always needed.

In closing today, let me share with you something that we hope will strike a chord within you, and place you in the path to filling that void within you. The Town of Stockton FIRE & EMS department motto:



"The Ability to Serve, The Desire to Act, The Courage to Perform"



Please contact Lauri Novotny, our Town of Stockton Clerk, if you have questions about joining our Department. The phone number is 715-592-4712 or email stockton@wi-net.com.

Thanks!
Chris

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Did you ever wonder how Stockton measures up in comparison to other local municipalities?

**PORTAGE COUNTY
 REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE DUE!**

 MAIL TAX PAYMENTS TO:

PORTAGE COUNTY TREASURER
 1516 CHURCH STREET
 STEVENS POINT WI 54481

2nd Installment due July 31, 2016
 Office Hours - 7:30am – 4:30pm M-F

 Postmarks are accepted
 Pay your taxes with a credit card or
 e-check by calling 1-877-782-4828, or
 by visiting: www.co.portage.wi.us

 Visa debit card \$3.95 fee, Credit cards
 and all other types of debit cards
 2.39%, E-check fee \$1.50

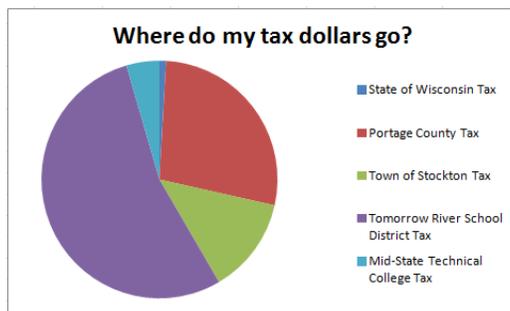
 Please call the Portage County
 Treasurer's Office at 715-346-1348
 with any questions.

Below are a few of our surrounding municipalities and their 2015 mill rates. The mill rate is the amount of tax payable per dollar of the assessed value of a property. The mill rate is based on "mills"; as each mill is one-thousandth of a currency unit; one mill is equivalent to one-tenth of a cent or \$0.001.

The overall mill rate is comprised of mill rates associated with the state, county, local, school district, and vocational school district mill rates.

The portion of your property taxes that actually ends up in our local Town of Stockton is a very small amount of the overall portion of your tax bill. In the example below, this is what you would have if you lived in the Town of Stockton, Tomorrow River & Mid-State Technical School District.

Municipality	Mill Rate
City of Stevens Point	25.05
Town of Amherst	16.97-17.61
Town of Dewey	19.04
Town of Hull	17.18
Town of Plover	15.84-18.07
Town of Sharon	16.50-18.93
Town of Stockton	16.00-18.41
Village of Amherst	16.97-17.61
Village of Plover	20.81
Village of Rosholt	23.18
Village of Whiting	18.22



Note: a few of the mill rates above indicate a range which means that the municipality is served by more than one school district. The Town of Stockton encompasses three different school districts.

Mill rate calculations can be found at: <http://www.co.portage.wi.us/treasurer/Millra15.pdf>