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TOWN OF DOVER

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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN CHAIR- SAM STRATTON

The Dover Tax Levy has remained pretty constant for many years, and for some, taxes even went down with the 2022 reevaluations. Over the past several years we have educated residents on how their tax dollars are split with the majority of the money going to fund schools. For every thousand dollars your property is worth, the Town of Dover gets \$1.43. State law does not allow municipalities to raise the levy in order to properly fund the municipalities ever increasing budgets. However, costs associated with running a municipality such as Fire/EMS (Emergency Medical) staffing, Insurance, Humane Society sheltering, Garbage Collection, the cost of repaving roads, the cost of a piece of equipment, etcetera have increased significantly!

Your 2023 tax bill will look slightly different. Two-line items will be added to the tax bills to cover ever increasing costs for fire and garbage service. These new line items will only appear on bills of improved properties with buildings and will not apply to vacant land. These new line items will consist of a four hundred fifty-dollar charge for fire service and a one hundred fifty-dollar charge for garbage service annually. This is equivalent to \$11.54 per week for improved lots.

In our struggle to combat inflation we have found a cheaper source for disposing of computer monitors and tv's for our residents. Legacy Recycling at 9828 Durand Ave Building 7A Sturtevant, WI will take any size tv for twenty-five dollars, computer monitors are ten dollars for the old tube models, or three dollars for flat screens. They will take any printers, cords, etcetera all free of charge. They are open Monday through Friday 8a-4p.

At the same time these deliberations have been taking place, I've been volunteering as Chairman of the WTATCU (Wisconsin Towns Association Tri-County Unit) and a member of the RCICC (Racine County Inter-Governmental Cooperation Council). The WTATCU unit consists of municipal representatives from Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth counties, and the WTA who lobby on behalf of our Towns. At these meetings, municipal heads of government discuss our mutual challenges. A county wide ordinance for airbnb's is being discussed within the RCICC. We are also working with our elected representatives in Madison regarding financial aid in the form of additional state aid to fund Fire/EMS. You may have read articles from all over the state where communities are experiencing the same issues that we face. We have taken out a one year, five hundred-thousand-dollar operating loan for 2023. We cannot continue to operate without these tax line additions.

The Board and I would like to formally thank all the residents for the countless hours they have dedicated to our community. Our incredible FIRE DEPARTMENT volunteers, Eagle Lake Sewer Commissioners: Jim Kieliszewski & Marie Frederick Plan Commissioners: Audrey Van Dyke, Bill Shenkenberg, David Dubiel, Michael Newholm, & Richard Goetsch Fire and Water Commissioners: Jay Golla, Brandon Christensen & Eric Kreuzer Stormwater Commissioners: Karen Dubiel, Amy Spinell & Michelle Vanek. Board of Review: Janice Hansen and all the wonderful flexible Election Workers!

As always, we welcome input from our residents. Town Board meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

As winter is right around the corner, maintaining safe and traversable roads for our residents, is our number one goal. You can do your part by following the simple rules below.

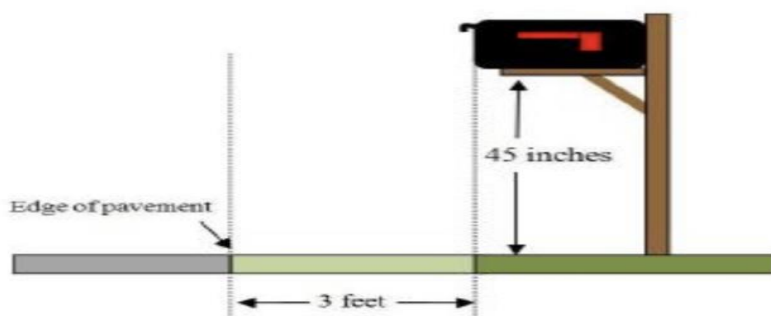
Moving snow on or across roadways is prohibited in the Town of Dover. Plowing, blowing, or shoveling snow onto or across roadways creates several problems: shoulder damage, slippery road conditions, & freezing snowbanks that can cause damage to the plow trucks when pushing drifts, snowbanks etc. Violations will be strictly enforced. Please help us make snow removal safe and effective for all.

Property owners who wish to install their own snowplow markers along the roadway need to stay back a minimum of three feet off the road surface. There is always a chance that personal markers can be damaged or removed. No steel posts, rocks or other debris is to be installed in the town right-of-way which in most cases is 33 feet off the centerline of the road. Such items that are installed improperly and cause damage to town equipment during snow removal may create an unnecessary expense to the property owner for repair costs.

The Mailbox Placement Policy states that mailboxes damaged by direct contact from Town equipment will be replaced by the Town only if installed to Town of Dover Highway Regulations.

Mailboxes must be mounted on supports designed to break away on impact (i.e. 4 x 4 wood post, 2" or less I.D. pipe.) Do not set in concrete. Avoid more than two mailboxes per post. Mailboxes must be set back a minimum of 3 feet from the through traffic lane (the paved portion of the road right of way). Please call Diggers Hotline at 811 before you dig.

Mailbox installation without roadside curbing



If you live on a County Hwy or State Road, please contact Racine County Public Works Department at (262) 886-8440 for assistance with any road issues. County Highways are any roads with a letter. Examples are Highway A, B, C, J, or N. State Roads are Highway 75, 11, 20.

If you live on a Private Road, such as the island, Dax Road, Hillcrest, Nature's Bend, there should be a private contractor designated.

If you have any concerns with the Town of Dover roads, please feel free to contact DHD Maintenance at 262-206-1319.

EAGLE LAKE SEWER UPDATE: After a few years of study and design, the upgrade of all four lift stations of the Eagle Lake Sewer Utility District is nearing completion. This has caused some neighbors to be disturbed and detoured, but soon it will be done. The anticipated total completion date is Oct.1, 2023. Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding during this time.

Sump Pump Inspections continue for the district. It is illegal to put clear water into the sewer system.

Ever had a sewer back up in your basement? All new construction is required to install a back water device to prevent this from happening. There is a back water device to put in your existing floor drain to help this issue. If you have had issues in the past, it is recommended you install one.

Dover has a NEW ASSESSOR!

Magnan Assessment Service.

They can be reached at 262-542-3332.

The DROP BOX: With the flu season upon us we encourage everyone to use the drop box. It is convenient and it is emptied several times during the day. All payments for the town are accepted such as: taxes, dog licenses, building, electrical, HVAC permits, court, and Eagle Lake Sewer payments. If you include a self-address stamped envelope, your receipt will be mailed to you.

COMMUNITY TRICK OR TREATING: Trick or Treating will be held on Tuesday, October 31st from 6-8pm. Turn on your porch light to participate!

PLAN AHEAD! NEED TO RENT A HALL FOR HOLIDAY GET TOGETHERS? The town hall rental only requires a \$100 fee and a \$100 refundable deposit if everything is cleaned up. Beer, alcoholic beverages, or smoking are not allowed but laughter, hugs, and making incredible memories are always encouraged!