Town Talk



Winter 2020

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Town Roadways

Drainage Ditches cannot be filled in with leaves, dirt and/or sod.

Sprinkler heads and flower gardens MUST NOT be within

the right-of-way. Parking on cul-desacs is prohibited

November 1-April 1.

Road Right of Way Due to necessary maintenance of town roads (especially snow

plowing) decorative mail posts, flower boxes or other items placed on the road right-of-way may be damaged. The **Town is not liable** for damages done to these items, nor to the grass edge along the road or sprinkler heads. The right-of-way on most roads is 66 feet wide (33 feet from the centerline).

Shelter Rentals for 2021

2021 Reservations can be made Beginning January 4. Contracts are available at the Town Hall. Deposit, payment and signed contract are required to reserve your date.

**Dates fill up please book early*



Thank you to all volunteers throughout **OUR community!!! Your** service and dedication make The Town of Onalaska a chosen place to LIVE, WORK, and PLAY!







Dog Licenses and Renewals

All dogs residing in the Town must be licensed by 5 months of age.

A dog license is effective from January 1-December 31. All licenses expire December 31.

The fee is \$12 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$23 for an unaltered dog. A current rabies certificate is required.

If a dog is not licensed by April 1 a late fee of \$25 is added and after

April 1st you must go to the La Crosse **County Clerk Office** to license your dog.

License may be obtained via mail or the town drop box. You must include: 1) copy of rabies certificate 2) selfaddressed stamped envelope 3) phone **number** so you may be contacted if we have questions. The taa and certificate will be returned to you by mail in your provided envelope. If no envelope is provided, we cannot send you

the tags or return your documents.

The Town has a dog ordinance and can be viewed on the town website under Chapter 8: Animals. You can also view La Crosse County (Chapter11) and State ordinances (Chapters 173 & 951) regarding animals at their respective websites.

The Town does NOT issue cat licenses.

2020 Tax Bills

Walk in payment is NOT an option this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Make checks orders money payable to Town of Onalaska. Cash payments are NOT accepted. Separate checks are needed for property tax, dog license and personal property tax. applicable.

With any payment, please attach one copy of your bill and keep one for your records.

IMPORTANT: Mail your payment or use the Town drop box at

the entrance of the parking lot (black box, Town of Onalaska is printed on the front of the box). The postmark acts as the payment date. Please pay close attention to special charges on your tax bill and include them with your payment.

Tax payments are also accepted at:

Park Bank Holmen 1200 Main St. M-F 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Treasurer Hours: November 23, 2020 through April 9, 2021 Mon – Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m. Fri 8:00 a.m. – noon.

April 2, 2021 the treasurer will return to

part-time status.

Real estate tax

payment options

If you are paying in

two installments you

must send your July
(second) payment
to: La Crosse County

Treasurer, 212 6th St.

N. La Crosse, WI

54601.

The Town CANNOT accept tax payments after January 31, 2020.

Refunds

No refunds will be issued the day of payment and no refunds are given under the amount of \$10. All refunds are subject to a \$10 processing fee.

Personal property Tax bills must be paid in full by January 31, 2021.

papers is Dec. 1, 2020. Candidacy declarations. nomination papers and campaign registration papers must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on January 5, 2020 in the Town Clerk's office. If you have questions, please call Mary at the Clerk's office at (608) 783-4958 ext. 201.



Office Hours

*Monday -Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 pm *Friday 8:00 a.m.- NOON

*Closed for lunch from 12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

The Treasurer returns to part-time April 12.

Holiday Closures

Christmas December 24, 2020 December 25, 2020

New Year's December 31, 2020 January 1, 2021

> Good Friday April 2, 2021

Memorial Day May 31, 2021

Independence Day Friday, July 4, 2021

Labor Day September 6, 2021

Thanksgiving November 25, 2021 November 26, 2021

Christmas December 24, 2021 December 25, 2021

2021 Elections

February 16Spring Primary

April 6

Spring Election

To Register to vote, or to Request an Absentee Ballot visit the website:

www.myvote.wi.gov

Remember: If your address or name has changed since you last voted, you must re-register to vote.

Polling location

Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Rd.

Voting Hours

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Town Official Races:

The following positions/candidates are up for election on April 6th, 2021:

Town Chairperson

Stan Hauser

Supervisor 1 Jerry Monti, Supervisor 2 Sandy Thompson. If you are interested in seeking a board seat the first day to

circulate nomination

When: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8-11:30 a.m.

Who: Town of Onalaska Residents ONLY (No business or contractor use.)







Where: Town of Onalaska, Town Hall N5589 Commerce Road parking lot

How It Works: Residency will be verified by a lot attendant to gain entrance to the property. Please have your photo ID ready. Upon verification you will make payment in the form of a check or cash, then be directed where to drop off your items. You must be prepared to unload yourselves—minimal assistance for unloading will be available.

What can I bring and at what cost? The Town has made extensive effort to keep this resident-only event as cost-friendly as possible however, it is necessary to charge for most items. Anticipated Cost per item as follows:

0	Cell phone and tablets:	Free
0	TV or Computer Monitor	\$12
0	Computer, Laptop	\$3
0	Misc. Computer component: (keyboards etc.)	\$3
0	Air Conditioner (Portable or Window unit)	\$10
0	Refrigerator/Freezer/Washer/Dryer	\$10
0	Microwave	\$10
0	Small Kitchen appliance i.e. toaster, mixer etc:	\$3
0	Furniture (tables, chairs, couches, etc)	\$15
0	Metals (grills, etc)	\$5
0	Mattresses or Bedspring	\$18



Disclaimer: Costs are subject to change based upon market fluctuation. Event is subject to CDC, State of Wisconsin and La Crosse County Health Department recommendations.

Questions? Call the Town of Onalaska Town Hall at 608-783-4958

Spring Water Quality Sampling

Even if your drinking water looks, tastes, or smells good; it may still contain harmful bacteria and the only way to know is by testing. Water quality changes over time, so testing **every year** is recommended.

La Crosse County Health Department continues to test water samples. Bottles for collection are available at the Town of Onalaska town hall. Please call or email to arrange for pickup.

Quote for Thought

"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it."
-Marianne Williamson-

2021 At a Glance

List below is for planning assistance only. It is an overview and is not inclusive of all 2020 events. Dates subject to change.

Town Meeting Schedule

First Tuesday of each month **Storm Water Utility** 7 p.m. Monday preceding the second Tuesday **Plan Commission** 7 p.m. Second Tuesday of each month **Town Board** 6 p.m. Third Monday Shoreline Committee 7 p.m. Third Tuesday of each month **Park Committee** 7 p.m. Fourth Wednesday **Refuse and Recycle Committee** 6:30 p.m. **Ordinance Committee** meets as needed

January 2020

- 4th First day to reserve Park Shelters for 2021 season
- 5th last day to submit nomination papers to run for Town Board
- Christmas Tree Drop off (see Recycler flyer for details)
- 31st Personal Property tax payments due
- 31st Real-estate Property tax payments due

February 2020

• 16th Spring Primary Election Day

March 2020

- 16th Yard waste site opens for the season (weather permitting)
- Curb side chipping begins (weather permitting)
- 31st Last day to obtain dog license from Town Treasurer

April 2020

- 6th Spring Election
- 2nd Town Offices Closed (Good Friday)
- 15th Park Shelters Open for the Season
- 20st Annual Meeting of Electors

May 2020

- 1st Electronic and Appliance Recycle Event
- Water Quality test reminder

June 2020

- Open Book
- Board of Review

July 2020

- 3rd Town Offices closed
- 31st Second Half property tax due to La Crosse County

August 2020

Routine operations continue

September 2020

- 6th Town Offices Closed
- Yard Waste Thursday evening hours end

October 2020

- 15th Park Shelters Close for the Season
- Yard Waste site closed on Thursdays

November 2020

- Last month for curbside chipping (weather permitting)
- 2021 dog licenses become available from the Treasurer
- 3rd General and Presidential Election
- 13th last day Yard Waste drop site is open for the season
- 25th and 26th Town Offices Closed

December 2020

- 24th, 25th, and 31st Town Offices closed
- 31st All 2020 Dog licenses expire
- 31st Town Offices Closed

TOWN CONTACTS

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