



## Village of Stockbridge Newsletter Fall/Winter 2021

### VILLAGE CONTACTS

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### VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – CLOSED

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

WEDNESDAY - 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

THURSDAY - 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

FRIDAY – 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM



#### **The Village Office will be closed**

Monday September 6, 2021

Tuesday September 7, 2021

Thursday November 25, 2021

Friday November 26, 2021

Friday December 24, 2021

Friday December 31, 2021

*Please note that there will be days that the Clerk will be off for vacation, training, election duties etc. These will be posted as they occur on Facebook and the front door.*



#### **SNOW REMOVAL QUESTIONS**

##### County & State Roads

Calumet County Highway Dept 920-849-1434

##### Village Streets

Premier Property Management 920-849-3393

# Calendar of Events

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## October 2021

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Village Board Meeting** – 6:00 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Joint Town /Village Meeting** – 6:30 pm at the Community Hall 175 S. Military Rd.
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Stockbridge Utilities Meeting** – 6:00 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Village 2022 Budget Work Session** – 6:00 pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Trick or Treating** – 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.  
Please leave your porch light on if you are participating.

## November 2021

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Village Board Meeting** – 6:00 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Stockbridge Utilities Meeting** – 6:00 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving** – Village Office Closed
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Village Office Closed**

## December 2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Village Board Meeting** – 6:00 pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Stockbridge Utilities Meeting** – 6:00 pm

## January 2022

**5<sup>th</sup> – Caucus:** Every year there are nominations for Village Trustee positions. 2022 the Village will hold a Caucus to nominate 3 Village Trustee positions. If you are interested in being nominated to hold one of these position's please come to the Village Caucus. The Village Caucus is held at 5:30 pm immediately preceding the January Monthly Board Meeting.

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Village Board Meeting** – 6:00 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Stockbridge Utilities Meeting** – 6:00 pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Installment of Property Taxes Due Date**

## February 2022

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Village Board Meeting** – 6:00 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Stockbridge Utilities Meeting** – 6:00 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Opening Day Sturgeon Spearing Season:**  
Participate in this time-honored tradition by obtaining your license from the DNR by October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 15<sup>th</sup> – February Primary (if needed):** Polling place for the Town and Village of Stockbridge's voters is at the Community Hall (attached to the Fire Station) at 175 S. Military Rd. All pertinent election information can be found on the Village Website at [www.villageofstockbridge.org](http://www.villageofstockbridge.org).

## March 2022

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Village Board Meeting** – 6:00 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Stockbridge Utilities Meeting** – 6:00 pm

## April

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Spring Election:** Polling place for the Town and Village of Stockbridge's voters is at the Community Hall (attached to the Fire Station) at 175 S. Military Rd. All pertinent election information can be found on the Village Website at [www.villageofstockbridge.org](http://www.villageofstockbridge.org).
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## WHY IS LICENSING MY DOG NECESSARY?

Being a dog owner requires all sorts of responsibility, but one that is often overlooked is getting him/her licensed. The Village Treasurer often gets asked, “Why do I need to license my dog?” There are several reasons:

**It's Wisconsin law.** Section 174.052 of Wisconsin Statutes mandates owners to have their dogs vaccinated for rabies and licensed in their County. Calumet County asks that the local municipalities take this task on their behalf.

**Licensing lets the people in our community know that your dog is up to date on its rabies vaccinations.** A dog cannot be licensed unless it is properly vaccinated. A Good Samaritan will be more likely to handle and care for a lost dog if they can clearly see their tag reassuring it's been vaccinated. There are over 100 dogs licensed in the Village, knowing that those dogs are healthy, rabies vaccinated and cared for by veterinarians protects you and the community.

**If your dog gets lost, having it licensed significantly improves your chances of it being returned home quickly.** When the Village office receives a phone call indicating that a roaming dog has been found, that license number can quickly identify your dog and get him back to you safely.

**The licensing process is simple.** There is no application, but you must provide proof of rabies vaccination along with a nominal fee (\$3.00 for spayed/neutered dogs or \$8.00 for intact dogs). This paperwork and fee can be processed during

Village office hours. Or if you are unable to stop into the office, vaccination certificates and fee can be left in the secure drop box at the office or mailed to PO Box 292, Stockbridge WI 53088. All of your original paperwork along with the license will be mailed back to you.

The licenses are renewed annually on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. There is a grace period of four months, until April 1<sup>st</sup> in which you are allowed to get your dog licensed. After April 1<sup>st</sup>, the local Treasurer is required to complete what is called the “dog settlement” with Calumet County. All licensed dogs, along with the fees collected during the licensing period are forwarded to Calumet County.

A report of all the unlicensed dogs is also printed and sent along with the dog settlement at this time. It is important to let the Village Treasurer know if you no longer have a dog in your home so that your dog's information can be taken off the computerized registry. From a County level, the District Attorney's office may follow up with letters to owners of unlicensed dogs.



### OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Just a friendly reminder that parking citations will be issued on vehicles parked on Village Streets between the hours of 2:30 am and – 6:30 am  
**November 15<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>**



# Tax Bill Basics



The responsibility of the Village's appointed Assessor, Grotz Appraisal, is to discover, list, and value uniformly all taxable property in the Village. This work is done to ensure the equitable distribution of the total tax burden within the community. It does not determine the total amount of revenues to be raised.

The tax levy is established by the County, local municipality, and school districts, to cover their expenses. The total tax levy is then divided among all owners in proportion to the amount of property they own. These breakdowns are shown on your tax bill.

The local treasurer collects your full payment (if made by January 31st) or your first installment payment. All local municipal treasurers are then responsible for paying out to the other taxing entities (i.e. County, FVTC & local schools) their proportionate share of the taxes collected by January 31<sup>st</sup>. All second installment payments are to be paid directly to the Calumet County Treasurer, as indicated on your tax bill.

The tax bills are mailed by the Calumet County Treasurer in early December. The Village office is open for in-person tax collection Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm and Wednesday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm from the day the tax bills are mailed until January 31<sup>st</sup>. Any exceptions to these hours are always posted on the front door.

Please note that paying your taxes in person is not a requirement. The secure drop box located near the front door of the Village office is always available: 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Any payment deposited in the drop box on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> is entered as a payment made & applied in 2020. Any payments dropped off by January 31<sup>st</sup> are considered a timely payment.

Payments can also be mailed to Village of Stockbridge, PO Box 292, Stockbridge WI 53088. Mailed payments postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> will be entered as a payment in 2020. Payments postmarked by January 31<sup>st</sup> are entered as a timely first installment payment. If you require a receipt to reflect your payment date for your accountant or tax preparer, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment.

If your bank, mortgage or escrow company forwards our tax payment to the Village, but you'd also like confirmation that the payment has been received, please call to inquire at 920-439-1700 or email your inquiry to [villageofstockbridge@tds.net](mailto:villageofstockbridge@tds.net).

If you've received an escrow check that is for more than the tax amount, refund checks will be cut & mailed on a bi-monthly schedule.

The Treasurer will be collecting in person taxes during regular office hours. The office will **not be open**

➤ December 24th

You're welcome to leave your payment in the secure drop box and it will be processed as a timely payment or if post marked by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The mailing address for the Village of Stockbridge:

**PO Box 292  
Stockbridge, WI 53088**

Also, your **second installment payments** that are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>, are due directly to the Calumet County Treasurer at 206 Court St., Chilton, WI 53014. The local Treasurer does not process the second installment payments.



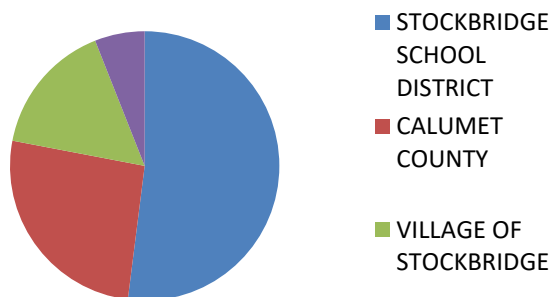
# VILLAGE BUDGETING & TAX LEVY BASICS

As mentioned, your property tax bill consists of money due to Calumet County, FVTC, local schools and the Village (the Village does not keep all the money collected by taxes).

The typical breakout of a tax bill for Village residents looks like this:

## TAX BILL BREAKOUT

(Typical Year Example)



So, how do your Village elected officials set the tax levy for the Village? The process starts in October with a budget work session. At this meeting the Clerk/Treasurer provides the Board with a spreadsheet showing approximately 90 different budget line items of revenue and expenses accrued for the current year-to-date and projected totals for the year. The Board carefully reviews all projects or needs in all areas of budget expenses, including streets, parks, Fire Department, insurance, snow removal, public safety, planning/engineering, community development and more.

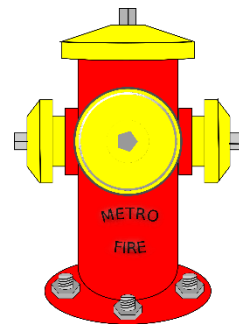
These budgetary numbers are also weighed against any changes in expected revenue. In recent years Wisconsin has made cuts to shared revenue to local municipalities. Along with those cuts there are State imposed levy limits.

What is a levy limit? Well, let's clarify what a levy is first. The tax levy is the amount of money needed, from tax payers, for a municipality to operate.

As a simple example, let's look at it this way: The Village anticipates receiving revenue from the State in the form of Shared Revenue and State Road Aids along with licenses, permits and other income in the amount of \$200,000. However, the Village expenses are anticipated to be \$450,000. The difference of \$250,000 is the levy.

The levy limit is imposed by the State of Wisconsin. A municipality is only allowed to increase its levy over the amount levied the prior year by the percentage increase in equalized value from net new construction. The Village cannot exceed the levy that the State imposes without a referendum

The Budget Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Village Office. Watch for postings on the bulletin board located outside the Village Office, Post Office and Mud Creek Coffee and on the Village website for the budget adoption hearing date. All meetings are open to the public.



## PLEASE ADOPT A HYDRANT

**Please refrain from blowing snow on top of the hydrant near your home or business and keep it free from snow during the winter months.**

### SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE:

Disconnect sump pump discharges that flow to the street or alley and redirect the flow onto your own property between

**NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> AND APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>.**

This is done to prevent ice buildup on the sidewalks, alley and into the streets which could create a hazard to both motorists and pedestrians.

**No cross connections into the sanitary sewer are permitted per Ordinance – Chapter 32.**



### Snow Shoveling

*Residents and property owners are reminded that sidewalks need to be shoveled and clear of ice within 14 hours from the end of a snowfall.*

*Residents are also reminded that shoveling, blowing or plowing snow into the street is prohibited and endangers the motoring public.*



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## STORM SEWERS

**Join Together & Help Make a Difference!**

Our storm sewer system is designed to drain excess rain and ground water from our streets, sidewalks, parking lots, lawns and roofs. These drainage systems are designed to remove water from a developed area as quickly as possible during a storm.

While these systems are useful for residents, they also carry pollutants at a rapid transit pace. Contrary to popular belief, pet wastes, oil and other materials dumped or washed into storm sewer grates do not go to the waste water treatment plant, but flow directly into streams and Lake Winnebago.

Also, if storm sewer grates are left covered with grass clippings, leaf debris or litter, it causes flooding hazards and ice collection that is hazardous to our residents and passing motorists.

The Village of Stockbridge does not employ Public Works staff, therefore, a little effort from Village residents can make a huge difference.

Please do your part in clearing the storm sewer grate located on your street. Even if it's not directly in front of your house, lend a hand to your neighbors and check it out periodically and clear as necessary. Refrain from blowing grass clippings into the street and never rake leaves into the street. All debris collected from your yard can be properly deposited into the Village's yard waste dumpster.





## **2022 VILLAGE CAUCUS**

The Village of Stockbridge holds an annual Caucus rather than candidates completing nomination papers for Village Board positions. A Caucus is the meeting of community residents to make nominations for positions on the Village Board. It is always best to confirm an individual will accept the nomination before nominating them at the Caucus.

There are three Village Trustee positions open for nomination with Marilyn Behnke being the only incumbent so the community is in need of a couple new representatives.

If you are interested in running for a position on the Village Board or would like to nominate a candidate, please plan to attend the 2022 Village Caucus on January 5, 2022, 5:30 pm at the Village Office 116 S. Military Rd.

## **2022 Election Schedule**

**Village Caucus January 5, 2022**

(Held at the Village Office)

**Spring Primary February 15, 2022**

**Spring Election April 5, 2022**

**Partisan Primary August 9, 2022**

**General Election November 8, 2022**

Elections are held at the Community Hall

175 S. Military Road

7:00 AM to 8:00 PM



## **The Stockbridge Community Fire Department and First Responders is looking for new members to fill the rosters.**

Anyone interested in one or both groups can contact them by e-mail at [stockbridgefd@gmail.com](mailto:stockbridgefd@gmail.com) and someone from the groups will reach out to set up an appointment to view the open positions and the requirements



Check out the FAQ tab on the Village website at [www.villageofstockbridge.org](http://www.villageofstockbridge.org).

Great spot to find quick answers to your questions!

# Village of Stockbridge

## 2022 Garbage & Recycling Schedule

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>EXCEPTIONS</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXCEPTIONS</u>
January	6, 13, 20, 27		July	8, 14, 21, 28	Pick-up moved to the 8th
February	3, 10, 17, 24		August	4, 11, 18, 25	
March	3, 10, 17, 24, 31		September	1, 9, 15, 22, 29	Pick-up Moved to the 9 <sup>th</sup>
April	7, 14, 21, 28		October	6, 13, 20, 27	
May	5, 12, 19, 26		November	3, 10, 17, 25	Pick-up Moved to the 25 <sup>th</sup>
June	3, 9, 16, 23, 30	Pick-up moved to the 3rd	December	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	

Our newsletter is published two times a year and mailed to all Village of Stockbridge property owners. It is also available on our website at [www.villageofstockbridge.org](http://www.villageofstockbridge.org)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 "Sturgeon Center of the World"  
 POST OFFICE BOX 292  
 STOCKBRIDGE WI 53088-292