

Village of Kekoskee

December 2020

Our day to SHINE!!

SAVE **June 26, 2021** to attend our **THIRD** Annual "Flea to the Park" community event with family and friends. We would also love to have **YOU** help grow this event by bringing your **classic car** to show, being a **vendor**, planning and/or volunteering for games, booths and other fun things that showcase what our area has to offer. In 2020, we added vendors, a car show and a fun run. For 2021, would you want to run an ice cream soda booth? A bike ride? A bean bag tournament? You captain it, they will come :) This community event will be used for fund-raising to improve the river Park with updated bathrooms, a new shelter, a playground and a dock. **WHAT** event can **YOU** dream up??

More information on page 5.

Cindy Fredrick

From the Treasurer's Desk

920-387-4210

Property Relief

Landfill host fees allow us to offer Property Relief to you. Look closely at the enclosed tax bill under the column for "Taxing Jurisdiction". You'll see that Kekoskee has a minus sign in front of the amount in the "Net Tax" column. That amount is **SUBTRACTED** from the other taxes listed! The amount fluctuates from year-to-year according to how much money is set aside, how many parcels there are, and what the current mill rate (rate per \$1,000 of property value) is. **ENJOY!**

Tax Collection Dates for

Kekoskee (& the former Williamstown)

If you wish to pay in person, these are the times I will be at the Village Hall, W3275 Hwy TW

More info
on **Page 4.**

NEW:
payments
can also be
placed in
the locked
MAILBOX.

December 17, 2020	1:00 - 4:00
December 22, 2020	11:00 - 2:00
December 29, 2020	1:00 - 6:00
December 30, 2020	1:00 - 4:00
December 31, 2020	11:00 - 2:00
January 20, 2021	12:00 - 2:00
January 28, 2021	10:00 - 1:00
January 29, 2021	2:00 - 5:00
January 30, 2021	12:00 - 1:00

As in the past, you may also mail your tax payment to: Cindy Fredrick, W2862 Hwy TW, Mayville, WI 53050. We do **NOT** have credit card options. You need to send a check or ETF to our account **BY** January 31, 2021 to have it applied to the tax bill. **REMEMBER to ALWAYS** send your **July payments to the Dodge County Treasurer** to avoid the penalty for being late on your payment. July's payment **CAN** use the credit card option.

REMEMBER your furry friends and license your Dogs

It is a state law! Your dogs must be licensed with a current rabies certificate **EACH** year. Unlicensed stray dogs cost about \$200 to get back!

Take care of it when you pay your taxes: Spayed or Neutered dog licenses are \$3.00. Unspayed or Unneutered dogs are \$8.00.



Late fee of \$10.00 will be enforced **after April 1st**. Please keep in mind that paying with the tax bill **IS** the best. You can even add it to the check along with your taxes!

Village Hall rentals available to property owners and residents

Renting the village hall remains at \$50.00.

RESERVE early—check our website calendar for availability: <http://kekoskee.com>

Call Cindy Fredrick at 387-4210 to reserve a date.

Yearly Reminders...

ATV/UTV Routes

Safety **FIRST!** Check our website as well as Dodge County and local clubs for map information. The routes are designated with ATV/UTV signs. **The Sheriff's Department will be policing the routes for the following conditions:** carrying a valid motor vehicle license; max speed of 35 mph or the posted auto speed, whichever is lower; paved surfaces only; single file; between 5 am & midnight only; no driver under 16; no one under 18 without protective head gear. See the Ordinances page on our website for the full list of conditions.

Assessment info online

A public (free) and a commercial (fee) site are now available through our website under Assessments.

Building Permits

Please contact Rob Froh (Kunkel Engineering) @ 920-382-6202 if you have any doubts about whether you need a building permit. You don't need a permit to **REPLACE** a furnace, central air, water heater or other dwelling mechanical. You also don't need one to re-side, re-roof, install replacement windows, finish interior surfaces or install cabinetry in a dwelling. See our **Zoning Ordinance** for new buildings & additions.

Controlled Burns

Residents should notify the Sheriff and/or your Fire chief for ANY controlled burns.

Ditch Burning

Please **REMOVE** the **plastic culvert markers** **BEFORE** your ditch burn. After the burn, please **RETURN** them to their spot. "Damage to or destruction of a culvert marker that was installed by the Village shall...be subject to forfeitures" as stated in our Burning Ordinance.

Fire Numbers

♦Rural fire numbers: please keep brush cut back. If your number is tipping, please reset it.

♦Lives may depend on it!

Glacier Ridge Landfill

The Landfill will once again be awarding \$10,000 to seven area schools for environmental education. They also sponsor our Refuse & Recycling Site per agreement.

Junk Cars

As stated in our ordinances, three or more unlicensed vehicles or unused/inoperable farm equipment pieces constitute a nuisance and a junk yard. If notified and the situation continues, penalties of up to \$500/day can accrue.

Land Notification

You can get email alerts about a person or parcel when real estate activity takes place. Sign up for this **FREE** Dodge County service at <https://landshark.co.dodge.wi.us/lns.app/>

Refuse & Recycling Site

FREE services from the landfill are only available at **OUR** Hwy V site. More information can be found on the back of this newsletter. You do **NOT** need a permit. All materials except liquids are accepted. We ask that you recycle as much as possible, but please **do NOT use plastic bags** for your recyclables. Every ounce kept out of the landfill saves Kekoskee money and helps Mother Earth!

Sanitary Late Fees

For those users of the Kekoskee Sanitary system, a reminder that quarterly late fees are \$45 a quarter **PLUS** a 10% charge if your bill must be collected through a year-end tax special assessment.

Scholarships

Two \$1,000 *Kekoskee resident* scholarships are awarded each year. 2020 recipients were Faith Danner & Amber Schraufnagel. See our website under Scholarships for more info.

Stray Animals

Many animals now have chips implanted. Our Animal Control Officer has a reader. Please contact him or another Village officer if you spot a stray.

TAG Center Subsidy

Village residents can ask for the Resident fee for classes and membership.

What's New??

Dodge County Sheriff's Office Liaison

Sheriff Dale Schmidt assigned Deputy Matthew Mayer to serve as a liaison to the Village. Any matter that needs immediate attention should still be reported through 911 or the non-emergency number, 920-386-3726, so that a deputy can be assigned. For general ongoing issues you may contact Matt at mmayer@co.dodge.wi.us or 920-386-4111.

Don Hilgendorf appointed Dodge County Supervisor

Don, our Village President, was appointed to District 7 to complete a term that runs until April 19, 2022. He'll be serving on the Audit Committee and the Human Services and Health Board for the County. See his contact info on the back page of this newsletter if you have any issues you want raised at the County level.

Help Wanted

Are you a high school student whose school would allow you to work during a school day? Are you retired or off of work on Tuesdays? Willing to be a Poll worker? We need DAY shift help from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. either as an Inspector (\$13/hr) or a Sanitizer (\$8/hr). Give the Clerk a call (387-4251) or email KekoskeeClerk@gmail.com.

House Numbers

New House numbers for downtown Kekoskee, visible to our firefighters, will be required soon. Watch for more information.

Fireworks Permits — for safety's sake...

State law prohibits any person from possessing or using fireworks without a user's permit from the village president. A FREE permit application is available online. Permits aren't needed for sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs and caps, and noisemakers and confetti poppers with less than one-quarter grain of explosive mixture.

Metal Detector Agreement

The Village was approached regarding permission to use a metal detector in our parks. After researching area norms regulating this hobby, we only ask that you notify us that you'll be using public space by

signing an Agreement. You'll be asked to reapply every year and provide a copy of your drivers license the first time you apply. The Agreement can be found on our Permits & Licenses webpage.

Recreational Vehicle Regulation

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of a proposed amendment to our Zoning Ordinance that will regulate "Recreational Vehicles for Temporary or Recreational Human Habitation". A public hearing on this amendment is being held on January 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall, W3275 Hwy TW.

SMALL Business Loans Available from 1%

Our USDA grant for a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) helped **DD Pub Pizza** open for business in downtown Kekoskee. They use Grande and Widmer Cheeses, Leroy Meats and local produce, making this a win for more than just our own community! And **Fox Den Landscape & Nursery** is using a loan to "grow" their business!

This RLF is replenished as payments are made. If you're interested in a loan, we may be able to help. Contact the Clerk for more info.

Smart911 app

Please see the enclosed card from Dodge County. The national app lets you log vital information for first responders in an emergency including contact info and medical conditions. Sign up your loved ones and yourself so 911 has the info they need to help fast!

THANKS to:

☀ Our Loan Review Committee for volunteering their time and talents to set up our Small Business Loan Fund: Gary Goebel, MEC Controller; Gib Hietpas, CPA; and Megan Schuett, Commercial Loan Officer.

☀ Residents that stepped forward during the year: Dennis & Marian Fleischer donated 2 cans of disinfecting wipes; Jim Gerndt offered to do errand running as needed; Lois Pasbrig offered to make masks for Election workers; Charlie Craibe, Stacy Nummerdor, Scott Schraufnagel & Francis Steffek offered emergency election staffing.

**Tax Notes:****Make checks out to the Village of Kekoskee.**

To get a **duplicate tax bill**: www.co.dodge.wi.gov > Land Information Search Tool > read conditions > "I Accept" button > enter your name (or other info) > "Search for Properties" button (lower left) > choose from the results at the bottom of the screen > top of screen, "Taxes" tab > upper left, choose **correct** "Tax Year" from dropdown > middle of screen, right, choose "Print Tax Bill" button.

Check your tax bills for your **Lottery Credit!** If this is your primary residence, you should see a lottery credit. If you do not, please notify Cindy Fredrick, Treasurer (387-4210), for a form to claim your credit. It must be your primary residence as of January 1st to qualify.

For more information: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/FAQS/slf-lottcr.aspx>

And while you're checking out your tax bill, look for a **First Dollar Credit**, too. Every taxable parcel (business, commercial or private) containing a real property improvement (ex: building), qualifies for the First Dollar Credit. Unlike the Lottery and Gaming Credit, the property does not have to be the owner's primary residence. Contact Cindy, as listed above, if you don't see the credit. For more information: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/FAQS/slf-fdolcred.aspx>

And so it goes...

Since October 5, 2018, when the Village of Kekoskee attached all of the Town of Williamstown, we've been operating as a single entity: the Village of Kekoskee. We are in litigation to protect that status and, per a court judgement, will continue to operate as such for the foreseeable future. Remember, when registering your vehicle, to have the DOT change where the vehicle is kept to the Village of Kekoskee. This can also be done online: www.wisconsin.gov > DMV Service > Online services (click on "More" at the bottom of the list) > Vehicle kept in information > Update or verify vehicle kept in information now (license plate icon).

Election 2021...the quiet after the storm**Are you a new resident or a current resident who has changed addresses within the Village?**

You can register at any time! All you need is Proof of Residence (POR). See the box to the right for the website or call the Clerk to be emailed a form. Have a change of name? Use the same registration form.


Early Voting and Election Day

ABSENTEE (mailed) ballots, must be requested in writing **yearly**. **IN-PERSON** early voting (also called absentee because you're "absent" on Election day) can start 14 days before each of the elections listed to the right. See the box above for CLERK contact info. Proof of Identification (POI) is required for Absentee, In-person AND Election Day voting. Watch our website and the newspaper for the start/end of in-person early voting. ALL Kekoskee in-person absentee voting is done by appointment.

2021 Elections

- ◆ February 16
- ◆ April 6

Photo ID: <http://Bringit.wi.gov>
Registration Forms: <https://myvote.wi.gov/>
Absentee voting dates and times:
<http://kekoskee.com>
Clerk, Mary Dessereau
kekoskeclerk@gmail.com or 920.387.4251



THANK YOU to ALL of our workers.
We could NOT have done it without you!!

Jana Bachhuber; Faith Danner; Georgene Gentz; Tim Gephart; Jim & Sharon Gerndt; Loris Geschke; Tim, Debbie & Tyler Gutjahr; Angie Hiebl; Jane Hilgen-dorf; Mitch & Rachel Horton; Karl Hurlebusch; Sam & Annette Kempf; Nicole Margelofsky; Bonnie Mengel; Kindra Mucche; Deana Neis; Trisha O'Brien; Joyce Roll; Amber Schraufnagel; Karen Schraufnagel; Paul & Kathy Soucy; Aimee Streblov

Help with our Future Growth

The Park

With the sale of the old Village Hall, we have a little money that can go towards a small playground in the river Park. But what about the old pavilion, river access and ball field? How about some playground pieces that are especially ADA accessible?

What can YOU do to help??

- ▲ Consider a donation of materials for the small dock, the shelter or the playground base.
- ▲ Offer your time to help with the installation of the playground or the construction of the dock and/or shelter.
- ▲ Sponsor a part of the playground like a slide, a climber, a swing, a spring rider, an ADA swing seat, an ADA spinner OR **your choice!!**

YOU could leave a legacy of recreation for area families that will be appreciated for years to come!

Want to get a look at some of the playground equipment and pieces we're choosing from? If you pay taxes in person, we'll have a slide show running. And if YOU want to help us choose, we'll have a survey available. NOT paying taxes in person? Just reach out to the Clerk (387-4251) to schedule a review.

Which leads us to our "Event", a fund-raiser for the Park.....

The Event

June 26, 2021 THIRD Annual
"Flea to the Park" Community Event

Flea Market	Brat/Burger Fry	Classic Car Show
Craft Fair	Fun Run/Walk	Ice Cream Social
Green Market	Vendor Showcase	Your event??

What can YOU do to help??

- ▲ Tell your friends and family! Do you travel to other craft fairs and flea markets. Share our "Save the Date" flyer included with this mailing. We can make you extra copies!! Just contact the Clerk.
- ▲ On June 26th, bring your family and friends to the event. Enjoy a bite to eat and a chance to visit with people you haven't seen in awhile!
- ▲ Bring your classic car(s) and enjoy a day with friends!
- ▲ Be a vendor! Whether it's from your garden, your attic, your business or your handiwork, someone will want to make it their own! We don't have a vendor fee, but would welcome any small portion of your profit to put towards the Park Fund. Vendors can find an application on our website under "Flea to the Park".
- ▲ Be a booth/event captain! Raise money directly for the Park! If you dream it, they will come! Food, game and event captains can brainstorm during monthly planning sessions. Contact the Clerk with your ideas and to confirm planning sessions.
- ▲ Know a food or game vendor that pays out a percentage of their proceeds for the ability to sell? Let them know about our event!

\$67, 908 in Home Loans available!!

DO YOU WANT A:

0% interest loan for eligible major home repairs

— OR —

down payment and closing cost assistance on the purchase of your first home!

The Village of Kekoskee (and former Town of Williamstown) has a revolving loan fund for residents, with no-interest loans for housing rehabilitation projects and assistance with down payments and closing costs on home purchases. If you reside in the Village of Kekoskee and your household does not exceed the maximum income limits—you may be eligible. Landlords are also eligible for rehabilitation loans used to improve housing for low and moderate income tenants. Check out our website, kekoskee.com > Economic Development > Housing Purchase/Rehab for income limits and how to apply.

Village of Kekoskee

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Please watch the
Pioneer or our
posted notices for
the date of our
monthly meetings.

Our Website

Want to be personally notified when the Board is meeting? Our website can do that! Just "Subscribe" to receive texts and/or emails of notices posted on the website.

Welcome to:

- ◆ Nicole Margelofsky, our new Deputy Clerk. She's been assisting with Elections and the Sanitary Department!
- ◆ Kristine Schroeder, our Small Business Loan Administrator

Thanks to:

- Barb Wild (Elections), Gary & Karen Ganser (Elections & Scholarships) for their many years of service.

In Memory of:

- Wilfred Lehner, a long-time, dedicated Kekoskee employee.

Wishing all of our residents the best in 2021.

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Extra Hours Refuse & Recycling Site: Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose **Hours**
In the Summer **Address: N7856 Hwy V, Mayville 53050** **Saturdays**
7:00 to
11:30 a.m.
(South of Mayville, just past Petit Road)

- See our website
- ◆ The site is for **Kekoskee residents and landowners** only.
 - ◆ When reaching the top of the hill, proceed left and clockwise.
 - ◆ The **first LARGE bin**: metal scrap, appliances (fee for Freon), printers and computers (no monitors here). Fill from the **BACK first! Ask for ASSISTANCE!**
 - ◆ **Recycling bins**: Food-grade glass & cans, plastics with a Δ, aerosol cans and wire coat hangers can go together. Please wash cans & glass. All "clean" paper including window envelopes and phone books. → **NO Plastic Bags** ←→ **Please flatten cardboard.** ←
 - ◆ **Miscellaneous**:
 - TVs & Monitors (fee) can be set aside on the ground.
 - Tires (fee): set on the pile at the far end of the circle.
 - Batteries go into the wire cage (ONLY larger batteries like auto, cycle, lawnmower & truck).
 - For **Wood & Compost**: follow the drive behind the metal scrap dumpster to the burn pile
 - ◆ **Garbage**: (some fees for large items) back onto cement pad and toss down to dumpsters.
 - ◆ **Proof of Residency may be required.** Pay any fees at the site shack. A full fee list can be found on our website: <http://kekoskee.com>
 - ◆ Please pull to the side as a courtesy to others if not leaving when done.