

Village of Kekoskee

December 2021

Tax Notes:

Make checks out to the Village of Kekoskee. Payments can be mailed, made in-person (see below) or dropped in the “Village” locked Mailbox.

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.

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

December 17, 2021	1:00 - 4:00
December 22, 2021	11:00 - 3:00
December 29, 2021	1:00 - 6:00
December 30, 2021	1:00 - 4:00
December 31, 2021	11:00 - 2:00
January 20, 2022	12:00 - 2:00
January 27, 2022	10:00 - 1:00
January 28, 2022	2:00 - 5:00
January 31, 2022	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, 2022 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 - Lives depend on them!
Rural fire numbers: please keep brush cut back. If your number is tipping, please reset it.

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.

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/>

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.

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. 2021 recipients were Morgan Clark & Cora Gerth. 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. Contact info on the back page.

TAG Center Subsidy: Village residents can ask for the Resident fee for classes and membership.

What's New??

Administrative Assistant (Clerk) wanted! Are you full-time and want to go part-time? Set your own hours. Work from home and/or the Hall. \$25,000 per year after 2 years. Requirements: experienced Microsoft Office Suite user; experience in a variety of statutory, managerial and administrative tasks; strong written word and public relations skills; ability to operate computers using Windows OS; ability to prioritize and maintain confidentiality; oversee Deputy Clerks handling Elections, Village payroll and accounts payable, Social Media. Contact KekoskeeClerk@gmail.com for more information.

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. When necessary, Williamstown used a Shared Services Agreement with Kekoskee to continue operating as a single entity. We are in litigation to protect that status and will continue to operate as a single entity for the foreseeable future. Why combine with the Village? To support their need for officers and to increase local control. Yes, we surround Mayville. We've always surrounded Mayville. Has that been a problem in the past? No. Nothing will change except the process for transferring your property to Mayville if you wish to do so. Contact any of your Village officers (info on the back page of the newsletter) if you have questions.

Park Event, June 25 2022

Mark your calendars and see the yellow insert included with this mailing. Please join us!!

Park Renovations

The River Park playground has been put on hold while the Board pursues an improved shelter. A Parks group has been formed to provide input on the type of shelter and other improvements. Contact the Clerk if you're interested in joining the group. We'll continue our fundraising efforts to augment Village funds. Your support is invaluable whether as a sponsor, donor and/or volunteer. Naming rights are being considered if you'd like to leave an ongoing legacy for future generations!

Recreational Vehicle Regulation

On January 26, 2022, an amendment to our Zoning Ordinance that regulates "Recreational Vehicles for Temporary or Recreational Human Habitation" will take effect. A 30-day limit has been placed on "human habitation" and the vehicle must be moved OR the parcel owner may apply for a Conditional Use Permit. See our website: Ordinances > Zoning

SMALL Business Loans - 1% Interest!

Our USDA grant Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) has **over \$20,000** to invest in YOUR business! If you're interested in a loan, we may be able to help. Contact the Clerk for more info.

THANKS to our 2021 Park supporters!!

- ☀ **Bill Muche** - donated a pier for the river landing
- ☀ **Eagle Scout Xavier Panzer** - for organizing the installation of the pier
- ☀ **Fox Den** - Advertising for the Park Event
- ☀ **Sam & Annette Kempf** - dunk tank rental and mojito booth
- ☀ **Kekoskee/Williamstown Historical Society** - Brat Fry
- ☀ **Rich's Auto Body** - Classic Wheels Show
- ☀ **The Schellinger Family & Supreme Forge Plus** - Ice Cream Floats and the Bean Bag Tourney
- ☀ **The many VOLUNTEERS, including the Village Board, for their time and talents before, during and after the Park Event**

\$67,351 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
Pionier 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.



Thanks to:

- *Lloyd Lechner, who stepped forward this summer to once again take up the reins of Kekoskee leadership while a new Agreement with Williamstown was worked out.*
- *Jerry Barker and John Becker, who also stepped back into their Trustee roles during Agreement negotiations.*
- *Karen Rouse, who so ably worked as Williamstown/Kekoskee Clerk during the transition.*

Wishing all of our residents the best in 2022.

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2022 Elections

- ◆ February 15
- ◆ April 5
- ◆ August 9
- ◆ November 8

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 below 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.

Photo ID: <http://Bringit.wi.gov>

Registration Forms: <https://myvote.wi.gov/>

Absentee voting dates and times:

<http://kekoskee.com>

Clerk, Mary Dessereau

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