

VILLAGE OF COBB TAX NEWSLETTER

December 2010

TAX BILLS

Enclosed are your 2010 Real Estate and/or Personal Property Tax statements. Please take a few minutes to read your tax bill, especially noting the due dates and collection times and locations. The amount of the Lottery Credit is \$85.23 and the First Dollar Credit is \$67.60 for properties located in the Village of Cobb/Iowa-Grant School District this year.

Wisconsin Statute 74.11(12) establishes payment priority so the Personal Property tax bill shall be satisfied first. Any partial payment shall be applied in the following order: 1) personal property tax, 2) special charges -- including delinquent water, sewer, garbage and recycling charges, 3) special assessments 4) special taxes, and 5) real estate taxes.

Please submit the payment coupons at the bottom of the bill with your payment to the appropriate tax collecting location. Your first installment or total amount can be paid to the **Village of Cobb ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2011**. Payments can be made in person, deposited in the drop slot in the door at the Village Office, and via mail until January 31, 2011. If you have escrow funds, please remember to endorse checks which are payable to the homeowner **and** the Village of Cobb prior to sending payment. **If you choose to pay on the installment plan, the SECOND INSTALLMENT IS DUE BY JULY 31, 2011 AND GOES TO THE IOWA COUNTY TREASURER AT THE COURTHOUSE, 222 N IOWA STREET, STE 101, DODGEVILLE, WI 53533**. Any tax that is delinquent shall begin to accrue interest at the rate of 1% per month beginning February 1; part of the month is treated as a full month. Please be aware that reminder notices are not sent out prior to the July 31st payment deadline. **Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with all mail payments to the Village of Cobb and Iowa County Treasurer for returning a paid receipt.**

OFFICE HOURS FOR COLLECTION

The Village office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The Village Office is located at 501 Benson Street. Please see the enclosed schedule for holiday hours. **Also note that the Village office will be open for tax collections on Saturday, January 29th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** For your convenience, there is a drop slot in the door at the Village office. You may also mail your tax payments to the Village of Cobb, PO Box 158, Cobb, WI 53526-0158.

ANIMAL VACCINATION CLINIC

The Village will again be hosting a low cost animal vaccination and licensing clinic in conjunction with the Iowa County Humane Society and Dodge-Point Mobile Pet Vet. **The clinic will be held at the Village Office, 501 Benson Street, on Saturday, January 29, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.** Additional clinic information will follow in the Dodgeville Chronicle, made available on the Village website, and posted around the Village when the material becomes available from the Iowa County Humane Society.

TAX ROLL LISTING FOR VILLAGE

Copies of the Village of Cobb tax roll listing are available for pickup at the Village Office and as a PDF document on the Village website at www.villageofcobb.com found under the "Tax Information" tab.

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL



Village Maintenance will be collecting Christmas trees on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 and Wednesday, January 5, 2011, weather permitting. Please place your Christmas tree at the curbside for pickup. Trees must be free of metal tree stands and all ornaments.

DOG/CAT LICENSES

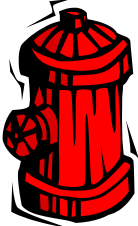
DOG/CAT LICENSES EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31ST OF EACH YEAR . . . Iowa County has a Humane Officer who responds to all calls regarding unlicensed animals and/or any other pet concerns reported. Wisconsin Stats. 174.05 requires that all dogs over five (5) months of age be licensed and Village Ordinance requires that all cats over five (5) months of age also be licensed. **Village Ordinance also limits the number of dogs owned to 2 per household.** A dog/cat license application is enclosed. Please feel free to copy the form, if needed, contact the Village office for additional forms, or forms are also available on the Village website at www.villageofcobb.com. **A current rabies vaccination is required** at the time your license is obtained. Rabies vaccination records for dogs/cats licensed in 2010 are in the computer system. **Vaccination records are only needed if there is an update from last year or if this is a new animal to be licensed.** The cost of a license is \$10.00 for a neutered male/spayed female dog or cat and \$15.00 for an intact male/female dog or cat. A \$5.00 late fee will be assessed to animals not licensed by April 1, 2011. If you no longer have your dog or cat, please let the Village Office know so we can update our records. Citations will be issued to owners with unlicensed pets. A reminder that all dogs and cats are required to be tied or contained in a proper enclosure at all times. Animal Ordinances will be enforced and residents violating any animal ordinance will be fined by the Iowa County Sheriff's Department. Please be a responsible pet owner and remember to keep all animals in your own yard and properly dispose of waste.

COBB PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

First ever **Iowa County Community Read** ! The book chosen is Stones Into Schools by Greg Mortenson. In January the book club at the Cobb Public Library will be reading this book. The book club would like to invite anyone else in Cobb to read the book, also. There will be a meeting early in February to discuss the book, and the book club welcomes anyone to join in at this meeting. The date will be announced soon, so please contact the library if you would like to get involved in this community read. The Cobb Library will request the book for you, as extra copies have been purchased through the community read project. Call 623-2554 for more information.

Monday	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Tuesday	9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Thursday	9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
	Saturday		9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

ADOPT A HYDRANT



Please shovel the snow from all hydrants near your home, and the home of an elderly or disabled neighbor near you. Should a fire unfortunately occur, the delay that would take place while the fire department is seeking to locate a hydrant, remove snow, and hook up hose lines could cause a loss of life and/or property.

VILLAGE PUBLIC NOTICES & VILLAGE WEBSITE

Reminder – If you are interested in receiving Village of Cobb public notices via email, please send a request to the Village Clerk's Office at clerk@villageofcobb.net. Many positive comments have been received from those currently using the email notification system. The following are examples of notices sent through the email message notification system: flushing hydrants dates, flu clinics, trick or treating information, no parking on streets for maintenance work, holiday garbage/recycling pickup schedule reminder, library event information, various public notices, etc. Be sure to check out the Village website at www.villageofcobb.com. Please feel free to offer suggestions to improve the site and/or information you would like to see added to the website. Be sure to check back often as the website is a work in progress.

NEW SERVICE AVAILABLE FROM THE WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

Have your quarterly utility bills directly taken out of your checking account on the due date. Contact Lori at the Village Office 623-2777 or clerk@villageofcobb.net for an application or for any questions.

USE YOUR DEBIT / CREDIT CARD TO PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES / UTILITY BILLS



The Village of Cobb offers the Official Payments program which allows residents to pay their property taxes or utility bills with their credit or debit card. It is fast easy and convenient! Visit www.officialpayments.com click on LOCAL PAYMENTS enter State and Village Information, follow the prompts and you are done! The Village Office will be notified from Official Payments of your payment. Any questions please contact Lori at 623-2777 or clerk@villageofcobb.net

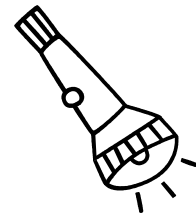
FROM THE OFFICE OF IOWA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT READY WISCONSIN

How to Make a Winter Survival Kit

Everyone should carry a Winter Survival Kit in their car. In an emergency, it could save your life and the lives of your passengers.

Here is what you need:

- a shovel
- windshield scraper and small broom
- flashlight with extra batteries
- battery powered radio
- water
- snack food including energy bars
- raisins and mini candy bars
- matches and small candles
- extra hats, socks and mittens
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Necessary medications
- blankets or sleeping bag
- tow chain or rope
- road salt, sand, or cat litter for traction
- booster cables
- emergency flares and reflectors
- fluorescent distress flag and whistle to attract attention
- Cell phone adapter to plug into lighter



Kit tips:

- Reverse batteries in flashlight to avoid accidental switching and burnout.
- Store items in the passenger compartment in case the trunk is jammed or frozen shut.
- Choose small packages of food that you can eat hot or cold.

For More Information go to www.ready.wi.gov

www.nixle.com

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An e-mail and Text Messaging Service
provided by Iowa County Emergency Management

&
the Iowa County Sheriff's Office

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