## VILLAGE OF COBB TAX NEWSLETTER

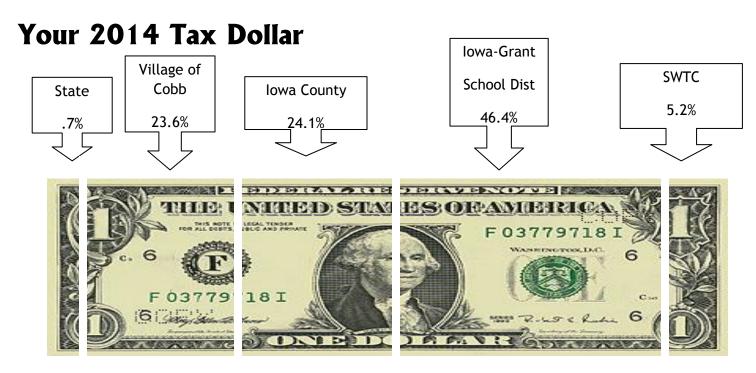
#### December 2014

#### TAX BILLS

Enclosed are your 2014 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 \$123.08 and the First Dollar Credit is \$72.73 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, 2015. Payments can be made in person, deposited in the drop slot in the door at the Village Office, and via mail until January 31, 2015. 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, 2015 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



#### 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.

#### SPRING 2015 ELECTION NEWS

April 7, 2015 will be the date of the spring election. Local offices up for re-election are: Village President, Robert Roelli and Village Trustees, Russell Zingg, John Dorshorst and Arnold Fritsch. If you are interested in being on the village board, please contact the village office. Nomination papers will be available after December 1<sup>st</sup>. Terms begin April 21, 2015 and are for two years.

## Village of Cobb Village Office Holiday Hours



Wednesday-Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Closed

Monday-Tuesday December 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00-4:30pm

Wednesday December 31<sup>st</sup> 8:00-Noon

Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup> Closed

Starting Monday January 5, 2015 I will be open regular office hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:30pm
In addition, I will be open for tax collection on
Saturday January 31, 2015 from 8:00-12:00pm

## Christmas Tree Pickup

Village Maintenance will be collecting Christmas trees on Monday December 29, 2014 and Monday January 5, 2015, 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 31<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH YEAR...** lowa 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.

<u>Village Ordinance also limits the number of dogs owned to 2 per household</u>. 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 <a href="www.villageofcobb.com">www.villageofcobb.com</a>. A <a href="current">current</a> rabies vaccination is required at the time your license is obtained. Rabies vaccination records for dogs/cats licensed in 2013 are in the computer system. <a href="Waccination records are only needed if there is an update from last year or if this is a new animal to be licensed.">www.villageofcobb.com</a>. A <a href="waccination records are only needed if there is an update from last year or if this is a new animal to be licensed.">www.villageofcobb.com</a>. 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, 2015.

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. <u>Please be a responsible pet owner and remember to</u>

keep all animals in your own yard and properly dispose of waste.



## December Happenings at the Cobb Public Library

Author Mark Hirsch will present his book "**THAT TREE**", *Thursday, December 4* at 7:00pm. Learn how Mr. Hirsch used his iPhone to document an ancient Bur Oak Tree and posted a photo a day on Facebook.

"**LEGO Club**" Saturday, December 6, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. All ages are welcome. Children 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

**Movie Night** at the Cobb Public Library, *Thursday, December 18*, at 6:30pm. FREE admission and FREE popcorn.

**Holiday Break Movie Matinee** at the Cobb Public Library, *Tuesday, December 23*, at 1:30pm - 3:00pm. (This is an early release day for Iowa-Grant.) Children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-school Story time every Tuesday, 10:00am - 11:00am. All are welcome.

#### Food Drive at the Cobb Public Library

All are welcome to bring non-perishable food items to the library throughout the month of December. Patrons with overdue fines can donate non-perishable food items to clear their library fine. (1 item = \$1.00 in fines)

Ages 50+ Strength and Low-Impact Cardio Classes Tuesday and Thursday, 8:45am - 9:30am at the Cobb Public Library. Classes are taught by Jean Slapak.

As participants in the SWLS rotating collection of **Large Print Books** and **Audio Books**, the Cobb Public Library receives a new selection of **Large Print Books** and **Audio Books** every two months, which then offers a larger variety of material to be checked out by our patrons.

If you are a **jigsaw puzzle** person, stop at the library to help us put together our **jigsaw puzzle**. The **jigsaw puzzle** is always available during normal library hours.

The Cobb Public Library will make home deliveries of any library items available for check-out, call the library at 623-2554 for assistance.

The Cobb Public Library will be closed on December 24 - December 25 and December 31 - January 1.

To **THANK YOU** for your continued support we invite you to join us the week of *December 15 thru December 20*, for our **Holiday Open House**. Visit the Cobb Public Library during our regular hours for special holiday treats and a chance to win door prizes.



Linda Gard, Karen Fisher, Mariah Flanagan, and Lyrica Daentl

### Sidewalks

It's that time of year when we have snow and ice. The Village ordinance 6-2-7(a) states that in the event of snow accumulating on sidewalks, the sidewalk shall be cleared of all accumulated snow and/or ice within twenty-four (24) from the time the snow ceases to accumulate on said sidewalk. <u>Please help keep your village safe for everyone and take care of your sidewalk. Thank you!</u>

#### 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 <a href="mailto:clerk@villageofcobb.net">clerk@villageofcobb.net</a>. 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. If you are a member of facebook, be sure to "Like" the Village of Cobb to keep up to date on happenings in Cobb.

**HOUSE NUMBERS** – is your house number easily visible for emergency personnel to see? The Fire Dept. and First Responders rely on your house number to find the correct address as they are not given a name from Iowa County in an emergency situation.



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(an e-mail and text message service provided by Iowa County Emergency Management)



May your holidays be filled with joy and good cheer and the New Year bring you peace and happiness.

Cobb Village Board and Employees